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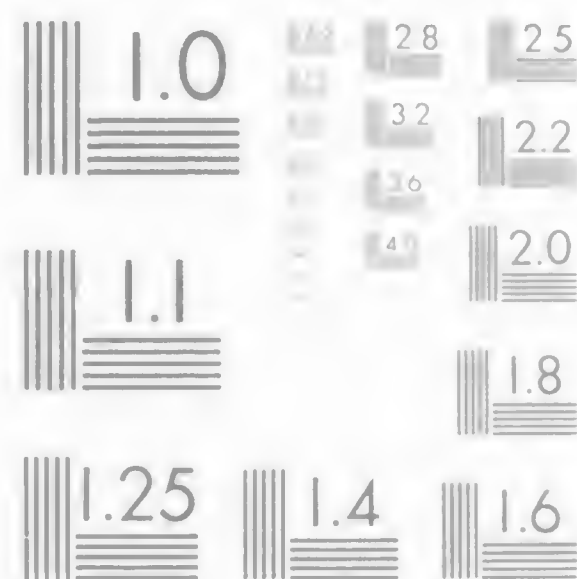
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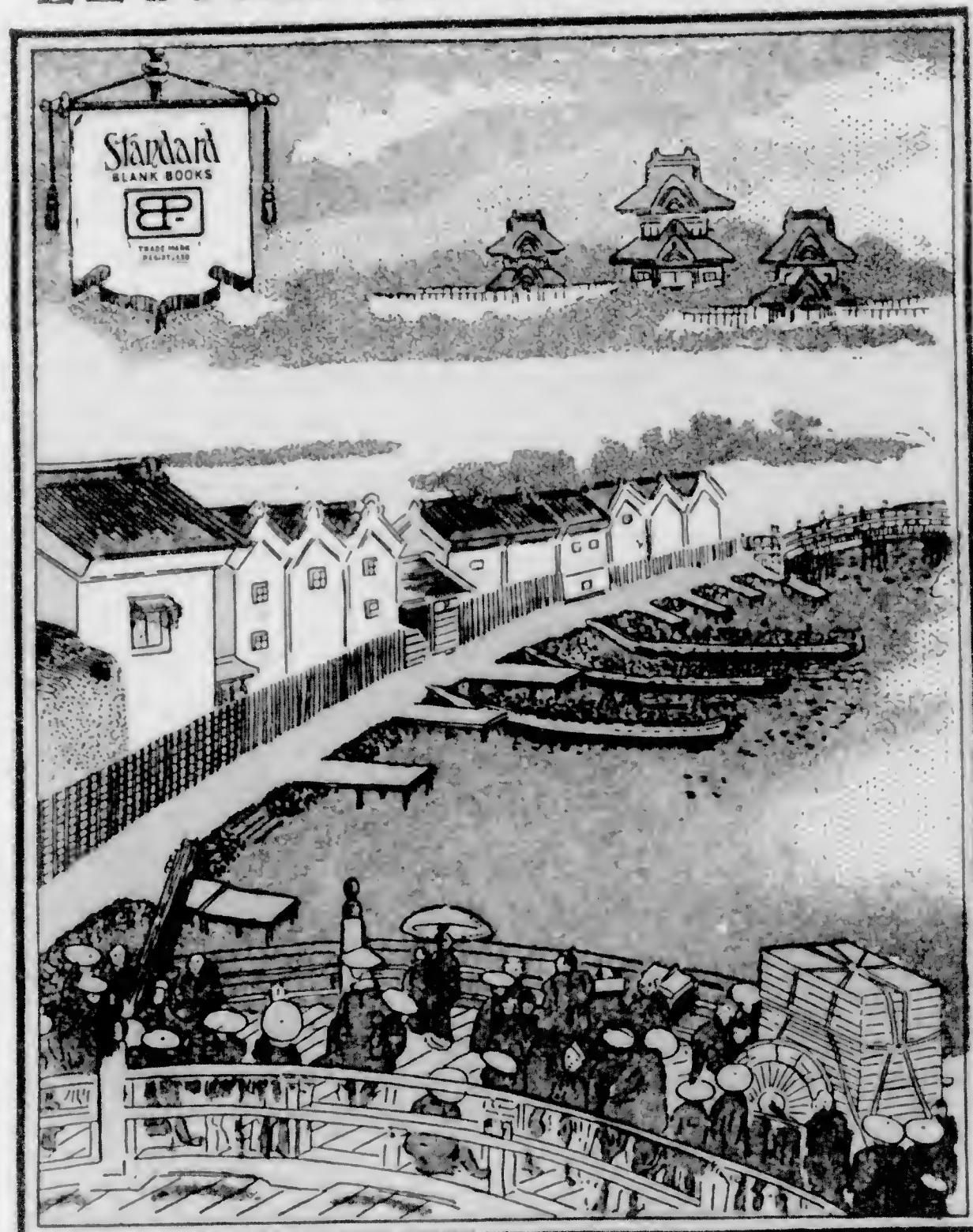
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Washington, D.C.

January 21, 1907

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell,

Regent of the Smithsonian Institution,

1331 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Bell:

Thank you for your letter of the 18th inst., received today.

You ask if I would accept the Secretaryship of the Smithsonian Institution, in case the position were offered me. My answer would depend on the attitude of the Regents with respect to the duties of the office.

If the Secretary is expected to give the whole of his time to administrative work, I should decline. If on the other hand he is expected to give a fair portion of his time to original research, I should deem it both a duty and a privilege to accept.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Confidential

1919--16th Street
Washington, D.C.
January 26, 1907

Dr. David Starr Jordan,
Stanford University, California.

My dear Doctor Jordan:

By a clever piece of political manipulation the Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture (Mr. Wadsworth, of New York) has omitted from the Agricultural appropriation bill the appropriation for the Biological Survey. In fact there is no reference to the Biological Survey in the bill.

We are told that we face two dangers: (1) annihilation; (2) dismemberment. It has been proposed to wipe out the Survey absolutely, or, failing in this, to tear it apart, turning over certain features to other Bureaus and abolishing the Biological Survey proper altogether.

We hope that our items will be restored in the Senate, but of this we cannot be sure.

Senator Perkins is a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. If the work of the Biological Survey in California is of sufficient importance to the State to make its continuance desirable, it might help matters if one or two prominent Californians, like yourself, were to let Mr. Perkins know how they regard the matter. As the bill will be in the hands of the Senate Committee on Agriculture in a few days, it will be necessary to use the wire, although a letter might follow to advantage.

The Biological Survey has done more work, and spent more money in California, than in any other state in the Union, and its work there is by no means finished. In addition to our Biological sur-

vey of the state, we have had our head man in Economic Ornithology (Prof. E. L. Beale) spend three seasons in the orchards and vineyards of the state, studying the food-habits of birds with reference to the horticultural interests. A report on this subject is now ready for the press.

We believe that a dismemberment of the Survey would mean its practical destruction. We hope therefore that our friends will urge its restoration in its entirety in the appropriation bill now pending, and that they will use every effort to induce the Senate Conferees to stand by us when the bill goes to Conference.

I am not asking this as a personal favor, but in the interests of a piece of work, and a body of trained men, believed to be worthy of Governmental support.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St.,
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 4, 1907.

Charles Scribner's Sons,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

In the course of my field work in California I have collected from various Indian tribes a number of stories. Many of these form a part of their religious history or mythology.

Before bringing them out in book form, it occurs to me that you might like to publish some of them in your magazine. With this in view I am sending you herewith, for examination, ^{five} ~~five~~ of the stories. These are:

How Ah-ha-le stole the fire for the Valley People.

How Tol-le-loo got fire for the Mountain People.

How the people got five fingers; how they got fire; and how they broke up into tribes.

The Jealousy of Wek-wek or The Death of Lo-wut.

The Adventures of Wek-wek and the magic of Ol-la.

The first three are fire stories, and to me are peculiarly attractive.

Should you care for any of these I should want to retain the copyright so that I may publish in book form later.

Who is the best artist to illustrate material of this kind? Deming did well with some of Grinnell's Blackfeet tales.

Very truly yours

Edmund Neill

*Send to the editor of the magazine
the first three stories.*

HOW AH-HA-LE STOLE THE SUN FOR THE VALLEY PEOPLE

~~HOW WUT-TOO THE SUN WAS SET IN THE SKY~~

(A tale of the Southern Mewuk)

Chast. Mewuk

A long time ago there were two countries--the Valley country and the Foothills country--and each had its own kind of people. The Valley country was the big flat land which the white people call the San Joaquin plain; it had no trees and no sun but was always enveloped in fog, and was always dark. The Foothills country began at the east side of the valley and reached up into the mountains; it was covered with trees and had the sun.

To-to-kan-no the Sandhill Crane was Chief of the Valley People and Ah-ha-le the Coyote lived with him.

ted with the fog and darkness
Ah-ha-le was discontent and traveled all about, trying to find a better place for his people. After a while he came up into the Foothills country and saw Wut-too the Sun, and saw the people who lived there, and found their rancheria or village. Ah-ha-le was ^{himself} ~~magician~~ a Witch Doctor, so he turned into a man of the Foothills people and mingled with them to see what they had and what they were doing. He saw that there were both men and women, that the women pounded acorns and cooked acorn mush in baskets, and that everybody ate food.

He ate with them and learned that food was good.

When his belly was full he went home and told his chief, To-to-kan-no, that he had found a good place where there were good people who had the Sun and Moon and Stars, and Women, and things to eat, and ^{the} ate every day. He then asked To-to-kan-no, "What are we going to do? Are we going to stay down here in the dark and never eat? The people up there have wives and children; the men ^{can} see to hunt and kill deer; the women make acorn soup and other things: ^{have light} We live down here in the dark and have no women and nothing to eat. What are we going to do?"

Chief To-to-kan-no answered: "These things are not worth having. I don't want the Sun, ^{nor} light or any of those things. Go back up there if you want to".

So Ah-ha-le went back to the foothills and did as he had done before, and liked the country and the people. Then he returned to the valley and told the chief To-to-kan-no what he had told him before, and asked again, "What are we going to do. Can't we buy the Sun? They send the Sun away nights so they can sleep, and it

comes back every day so they can see to hunt and get things to eat and have a good time. I like the Sun. Let us buy him".

To-to-kan-no answered, "What's the matter with you? You can't use the Sun; how are you going to do it?" But Ah-ha-le was not satisfied. He went back to the Foothills people several times, and the more he saw of the Sun the more he wanted ~~to buy~~ it. But To-to-kan-no always

Finally however ^{he} To-to-kan-no said Ah-ha-le might go and find out what the Sun would cost. Ah-ha-le found that the people would not sell it; that if he got it he would have to steal it. This was very difficult, for Ah-wahn-dah the Turtle, the keeper of the Sun, was most watchful and would sleep only a few minutes at a time and then get up and look all around. Besides, when he slept he always kept one eye open. If Ah-ha-le moved his foot Ah-wahn-dah would pick up his bow and arrow. Ah-ha-le felt discouraged and didn't know what to do. He feared that in order to get the Sun he would have to steal Ah-wahn-dah its keeper also. But he decided to try once more, so he went again and turned

Wut-too

into a man of the Foothills people.

About four o'clock in the afternoon all the hunters went off to hunt deer. Then Ah-ha-le turned into a big dead oak limb and fell down on the trail, and wished that Ah-wahn-dah the Sun's keeper would come along first. And so it happened, for soon Ah-wahn-dah came along the trail, saw the crooked limb, picked it up, carried it home on his shoulder, and threw it down on the ground. After supper he picked it up again and threw it against the fire, but it would not lay flat for it was crooked and always turned up. Finally Ah-wahn-dah threw it right into the middle of the fire. Then he looked all around, but could not see anybody. Ah-ha-le, who was now in the fire but did not burn, kept perfectly still and wished the keeper, Ah-wahn-dah, would go to sleep.

Soon this happened and Ah-wahn-dah fell fast asleep. Then Ah-ha-le changed back into his own form and seized the Sun and ran quickly away with it.

Ah-wahn-dah awoke and saw that the Sun was gone and called everybody to come quick and catch it, but they could not. Ah-ha-le took it down through the fog to the Valley people.

the people were afraid, for the Sun was too bright and hurt their eyes, and they said they could never sleep. Ah-ha-le took it to the chief, To-to-kan-no, but To-to-kan-no would not have it; he said he did not understand it; that Ah-ha-le must make it go, as he had seen how the Foothills people did it.

When To-to-kan-no refused to have anything to do with the Sun, Ah-ha-le was angry, for he had worked very hard to get it.

Still he said, "Well, I'll make him go". So he carried the Sun west to the place where the sky comes down to the earth, and found the west hole in the sky, and told Wut-too to go through the hole and down under the earth and then to come up on the east side and climb up through the east hole in the sky, and work in two places--to shine over the Foothills people first, then come on down and shine over the Valley people, and then go down through the west hole again and around under the earth so the people could sleep, and keep on doing this, travelling all the time.

Wut-too the Sun did as he was told. Then To-to-kan-no and all the Valley people were glad, because they could see to hunt, and the Foothills people were satisfied too, for they had the light in the daytime so they could see, and at night the Sun went away so all the

Wut-too

the people could sleep.

After this, when the Sun was in the sky ^{as} ~~like~~ it is now,

~~then~~ all the First People turned into animals.

HOW TOL-LE-LOO THE MOUSE GOT FIRE FOR THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE.

(A tale of the Northern Mewuk)

By G. Hart Merriam

The Mountain People lived in the Sierra near the
Mokelumne River, ^{which they called U'la}. They had no fire and the world was dark.

The Valley People lived on the San Joaquin plain, ^{where} ~~which~~
^{their} Hang-a or ceremonial house was not far from the spot now occupied by
the city of Stockton. They had a small fire in the middle of the
round house and Wit-tab-bah the Robin was its keeper.

Wek-wek the Falcon and Wippi-ah-gah the Golden Eagle were
Chiefs of the Valley People. Among the members of their tribe who
lived with them were Mol-luk-ko the Condor, Hoo-a-zoo the Buzzard,
Hoo-lee-e the Dove, Te-wi-yu the Red-shafted Flicker—who must have
been very close to the fire as anyone can see from the red under
his wings and tail; Wit-tab-bah the Robin(keeper of the fire),
and also Hah-ki-ah the Elk, Hal-lee-zoo the Antelope, Sahk-mum-chah
the Cinnamon Bear, and others.

The Mountain People were in darkness and wanted the fire
but did not ^{know} where it was or how to get it. O-la-choo the Coyote
tried hard to find the fire but did not succeed. After a while

Tol-le-loo the little Mouse discovered the fire and the Mountain People sent him to steal it. Tol-le-loo took his flute (loo-lah) of elderberry wood and went down into the valley and found the big round house of Wekwek and Wip-pi-ah-gah and began to play. The people liked the music and asked him to come inside. So he went in and played. Pretty soon all the people felt sleepy. Wit-tab-bah the Robin was sure that Tol-le-loo had come to steal the fire, so he spread himself over it and covered it all up in order to hide it, and it turned his breast red.

But Tol-le-loo kept on playing his flute and in a little while all the people were sound asleep; even Wit-tab-bah the Robin could not keep awake. Then Tol-le-loo made a little hole in Wit-tab-bah's wing and crawled through and stole the fire and put it inside his flute and ran out with it and took it up to the top of a high mountain called Oi-yum-bi-le (Mt. Diablo) and made a great fire which lighted up all the country till even the blue mountains far away in the east (the Sierra Nevada range) could be seen. Before this all the world was dark.

When Wek-wek awoke he saw the fire on Oi-yum-bi-le and knew

that Tol-le-loo had stolen it. So he ran out and ^(followed) and after a while caught him. Tol-le-loo said, "Look and see if I have the fire". Wek-wek looked but could not find it for it was inside the flute. Then Wek-wek put Tol-le-loo in the water and let him go. Tol-le-loo got out and went east into the mountains and brought the fire in his flute to the Mountain People; then he took it out of the flute and put it on the ground and covered it with leaves and pine needles and tied it up in a small bundle. O-lä-choo the Coyote smelled it and wanted to steal it. He came up and pushed it with his nose and was going to swallow it when it suddenly shot up into the air and went up into the sky and became the Sun.

O-lä-choo sent Le-che-che the Hummingbird, and another bird, named Le-che-koo-tah-mah, who also had a long bill, after it, but they could not catch it and came back without it.

The people took the fire that was left and put it in two trees--Oo-nor the Buckeye and Mon-o-go the Incense Cedar--where it is still and where it can be had by anyone who wants it.

Note.— This story has been told me by several Mewuk Indians independently. The only variation of consequence is that, according to one version, Wek-wek and Wip-pi-ah-gah gave a feast and invited the Mountain People to come; they all went, and it was while they were there that Tol-le-loo put the Valley People to sleep with his flute and ran off with the fire. The story is called Oo-ten'-nas'-se-sa.

HOW THE PEOPLE GOT FIVE FINGERS; HOW THEY GOT FIRE, AND

HOW THEY BROKE UP INTO TRIBES.

(Oot'-ne of the Tuolumne Me'-wah)

By S. Hart Merriam

The world was dark.

Os-sā-le the Coyote and Pe-tā-le the little Lizard were the first people. They tried to make people Me'-wah, each like himself. Os-sā-le said he was going to make man just like himself. Pe-tā-le said that would be bad; "How could man eat or take hold of anything if he had no fingers?" So they quarrelled and Os-sā-le tried to kill Pe-tā-le; but Pe-tā-le slid into a crack in a rock where Os-sā-le could not reach him. Then they talked and argued for a long time. After a while Pe-tā-le came out ahead and when they made people ^{he} Pe-tā-le gave them five fingers.

The world was all dark and everybody wanted light and fire. By and by Pe-tā-le the Lizard said, "I see smoke down in the valley; who will go and steal it? The Mouse runs fast and plays the flute well; he had better go". So the Mouse went with his flute (loo-lah) and found the home of the Valley People and played for them. They liked his music and gave a big feast and asked him to

come into the round house and play so everybody could hear him.

We-pi-ah-gah the Eagle was Chief of the Valley People and Wek-wek the Falcon was with him. When all the people had come and the Mouse was there with his flute, Captain We-pi-ah-gah took the big feather blanket called kook-si-u, made of feathers of Molluk the Condor, and closed the doorway with it and made it very tight, for he had a feeling that the Mouse might steal something and run off with it.

Then the mouse took his flute and began to play; he lay on his back and rocked to and fro and played for a long time. Everybody liked the music and felt happy. In a little while everybody became sleepy. Soon the mouse looked around and saw that they were asleep; he kept on playing and played till everybody was sound asleep. Then he got up and went to the fire and stole it all--two small coals-- and put them in his flute and started to run away. But he could not get out, and had to stop to gnaw a hole through the thick feather blanket (kook-si-u) with which Captain We-pi-ah-gah had closed the door so tight. He cut a hole through

it with his teeth and ran out with the two coals in his flute, and hurried toward the mountains.

After a while the people awoke and found that the fire was gone; and they were sure that the mouse had stolen it. They said, "Who can we send who is fast enough to overtake him? Of all our people only Sah-win-ne the Hail, and Muk-kah the Shower, are fast enough". So they sent ^{these two} Hail and Shower to catch him. They rushed off toward the mountains and overtook him. He saw them coming and put one coal in the Oo-noo tree (Buckeye) and threw the other in the water. When Sah-win-ne and Muk-kah caught him they could not find the coals. He told them to look, he had nothing. They looked and found nothing, and went back to the Valley People.

Then he took the coal from the Oo-noo tree and put it back in his flute and ran up into the mountains with it and gave it to his people, and they put it in the middle of the big round house. Before this they had always eaten their food raw. Now they began to cook meat.

Then Os-sa-le the the Coyote brought the intestines of a deer and put them on the fire, covering it all up and nearly putting

it out. Because of his selfishness in doing this the people changed his name from Os-sā-le to Kat-wah (greedy), which they call him to this day.

Then the people felt cold and only those in the middle could talk as they had talked before. Those around the sides of the round house were so cold that their teeth chattered and they could not speak plainly. They separated into four groups on four sides of the house--one on the north, one on the south, one on the east, and one on the west--and each group began to speak differently from the others and also differently from the one in the middle. This is the way the speech of the people began to break up into five languages, and this is the way the five tribes¹ began--driven apart by the selfishness of Coyote.

¹ The Me-wah knew only five tribes: themselves; the people to the north, whom they call Tam-moo-lek or Tah-mah-lā-ko (from Tah-mah, north), those on the east, whom they call Mo-nok or He-sah-duk (from He-sum, east); those on the south, whom they call Choo-mat-tuk (from Choo-match, south), and those on the west, whom they call O-lo-lek or Ol-lo-kuk (from O-lo-win or Ol-lo-win, meaning down west--in the valley).

THE JEALOUSY OF WEKWEK
OR
THE DEATH OF LOWUT

(A tale of the Wi-pa tribe)

Wek-wek, the Falcon, was Chief and Captain of all the birds. He used to hunt birds for food and also catch birds alive to bring back to his han-na-boo (round house) where he kept them locked up till he could turn them into people. O-la-pah, the Coyote stood guard at the door of the han-na-boo.

Both Wek-wek the Falcon and Ho-pah the White-headed Eagle had the power to make people out of birds. For this reason they were jealous of one another. Besides, Ho-pah was in love with Wek-wek's wife--Lo-wut the Gray Goose. So Wek-wek had to be jealous.

Once when he went out to go hunting he hid and watched and saw Ho-pah and Lo-wut together. This made him very angry. When he came back he asked Lo-wut his wife, "Have you anything ready to eat, I'm hungry?" "Yes", she replied. "Get me some water first", he said, "I'm thirsty; get good water; don't get it from the edge of the river, go out where it is deep and get it there". Lo-wut

did as she was told and came back with good clear water, but when she reached the house with it, it had turned into snakes and frogs and other animals¹. Five times she went out into the river for water, each time with the same result. The last time she waded out till the water was above her waist.

While she was gone, Wek-wek went to her bed and fixed in it four long arrow points of flint with the sharp points up, so they would pierce her body and kill her. When she came the fifth time with snakes and frogs instead of water, Wek-wek seized her and threw her down on the bed and the four stone points ran through her body and killed her.

Then To-to-kol the Sandhill Crane, who was Lo-wut's mother, was very angry because Wek-wek had killed her daughter, and came and wanted to beat Wek-wek.

O-la-nah the Coyote and Soo-choo-ko the Spoon-bill Duck came to carry Lo-wut's dead body to the han-na-boo, but when they lifted it up they saw ^{on} the breast the black marks which Ho-pah her lover had painted there. Wek-wek had seen these before he killed her and knew. So O-la-nah and Soo-choo-ko took the dead body and buried it. Wek-wek made this happen, for he was a Witch Doctor or Magician.

When Lo-wut died she left two children--a baby and a little boy. Their grandmother, To-to-kol, took care of them and every day sent the little boy with the baby to the round house to be fed--

For 4 days Lo-wut the dead mother came to the han-na-boo to give milk to her young child.

On the fourth day Wek-wek asked his little boy where he went every day with the little one. The boy, afraid to tell the truth, said he took the child to give it milk of the milkweed plant.

Wek-wek hid in the top of an oak tree and watched. He saw his dead wife Lo-wut come to the round house to give breast to the child; he saw her shake the ^{earth} dirt of the grave out of her hair.

Then Wek-wek found that he loved her still, although she had been unfaithful to him. So he went into the round-house and caught her in his arms and hugged her. "Let me go," she said, "you can't get me back; I'm not well like I used to be". "That don't make any difference", he said, "I'll cure you"--and he took her to his own round house, where the other birds were. It was dark when they

Yu-koo-le the Meadowlark was there and he made a great fuss

and noise. "Hoo", he said, "light a light; I smell something that smells awful bad--smells like a dead body". At that very moment Wek-wek was sitting in the middle of the round house holding the dead body of his wife Lo-wut whom he was bringing back to life. But when Yu-koo-le spoke and said what he did, the dead woman disappeared.

Wek-wek felt very ^{unhappy} and was angry with Yu-koo-le. He spoke and said to the rest of the birds(all of whom were going to be people): "This now is the way it will be with all of us. When we die we shall die forever. Had it not been for Yu-koo-le we would live again after the 4th day and be alive forever the same as before."

Then Wek-wek seized Yu-koo-le and tore his mouth open and killed him, and to this day you can see the black mark under his throat where his mouth was torn open, and the marks on his head where his skull was crushed.

When Wek-wek had done this he said, "It is right that we should die, because if we all lived forever there would be so many people there would not be food enough and we should have to starve or eat one another."

Then Wek-wek sent all the bird people away, but before they went he said: "Now you will never be people but will stay birds; if Yu-koo-le had kept still my wife would have lived and all of you would have turned into people". All the birds in the round house were angry at Yu-koo-le. They said, "Were it not for Yu-koo-le we should all be people; now we must stay animals". Then they came out of the round house, one at a time, and as each came out it sang the song of its kind and went away.

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

Feb. 13, 1907

Freight Agent, S.P.Co.,

San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

On December 6, 1906, Goldberg, Bowen & Co, shipped to me by freight, addressed "Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Agricultural Department, Washington, D.C." (prepaid) two boxes, which have not yet arrived. They were shipped at the Oakland station, and the bill of lading which I have is dated December 6, 1906, and stamped "J.W. Dickinson, Terminal Agent".

As it is now more than two months since the goods were shipped I fear they have gone astray and shall be obliged if you will put a tracer on their trail.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam
1919 16th St.
Washington, D. C.

Washington
Feb. 23, 1907.

Dear L.H.

Yours with key to your deposit box came yesterday, dated Feb. 7 (with 9 assumes names meant for 11).

The 2 envelopes of papers you enclosed I put into your box yesterday.

Your instructions to clip coupons from your Cosmos Club and Wash. Railway & Electric Co. bonds I obeyed, & deposited same to your credit in the Am. Security & Trust.

There were 3 Cosmos @ \$2 each, + 1 @ \$20 (=26); and 3 Ry @ \$20 (=60), in all \$86.25 for which deposit to credit of clip is enclosed.

Yours truly,
J. H. [unclear]

at [unclear]

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

March 1, 1907.

Dear Roosevelt:

Many thanks for your congratulatory letter. But our view of the situation is not so joyful; in fact the Biological Survey is decidedly blue over the outlook. We have had no increase of appropriation for four years, and meanwhile have steadily grown.

We are greatly handicapped in our inoculation experiments and in the game protection work, and are so short of money that it has been necessary to cut down field work more than half. At the same time we have been forced by a ruling of the Treasury Department to pay inspectors fees at the various ports of entry, from Boston to San Francisco, in order to keep out the Mongoose and other pests that threaten our agricultural interests.

From top to bottom our men are underpaid, receiving not more than three quarters the pay of corresponding positions in other Bureaus of our own Department.

We had no fear of not being reinstated. But we needed more money; and the Senate, aware of the attack on us, gave us an increase of \$13,700 without a dissenting voice. The House would have done the same; but in the Conference Wadsworth and Scott had the whip hand and cut us down to the old figure.

With kindest regards and appreciative thanks for your continued interest in us,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,

President of the United States.

1919--16th Street
 Washington, D.C.
 March 23, 1907

Mr. George P. Brett
 The Macmillan Company
 New York City.

Dear Mr. Brett:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th inst. Your statement of the Bear book case is not quite correct.

In my reply to Mr. Whitney's request for a Bear book, I stated under date of May 26, 1901, that I should not think of writing such a book for less than a thousand dollars, and that "under no circumstances would I deprive myself of the right to use what must necessarily be, in large part, a revision of the same material when I come to complete--if I ever do--my great work on North American Mammals"--by which I meant of course that the book should be copyrighted in my name. A few days later Mr. Whitney sent me a copy of a letter from your Company, dated May 31, 1901, and signed W.S. Booth, accepting the conditions stated in my letter. Mr. Booth says: "We will agree to Mr. Merriam's price of one thousand dollars, but we shall want him to guarantee you that this book on the Mammals in which he intends to use the same material as that which he will use in our book, shall not appear until at least one year has elapsed after the publication of our volume". On this basis I undertook the preparation of the book.

In a letter to Mr. Whitney dated August 6, 1904 I state: "Later, I expect to publish a large systematic work on our Bears, including the present material and full technical descriptions, with skull and

tooth characters (and photographs of skulls and teeth etc), as I wrote² you before undertaking this book for you. I shall of course therefore expect to copyright the book in my name. This brings up the business side of the case. The Macmillans said in the original agreement, dated May 31, 1901, that they should want me to guarantee that my book containing this same material shall not appear until at least one year after the publication of their volume. But I am willing to do better than this and give them the exclusive use of the material for say three years". No allusion to this matter was ever made in Mr. Whitney's subsequent letters.

Failing to receive the expected contract, I wrote Mr. Whitney on August 27, 1904: "I shall have the whole thing finished in a few days. I shall then go to California by the earliest possible train, so it is important for your publishers to attend to the business end of the line promptly if they wish the book this summer. As yet I have had no reply to the matters concerning which I wrote you several weeks ago in transmitting the polar bear manuscript."

Mr. Whitney paid no attention to this letter, which seemed to imply either that he had changed his mind about wanting the book, or that he thought he could get hold of the manuscript without a contract, and thereby lead me into a possible trap. After waiting a few days I went to California as planned.

Nothing further was heard from Mr. Whitney until until sometime in November, when he sent a batch of letters and telegrams to me in San Francisco and to my wife in Washington. In my replies I did not seek to conceal my amazement at Mr. Whitney's conduct, nor did I fail to allude^{to} the possibility of other publishers.

In my letter of December 26, 1904, I said: "If you and the

Macmillans still want the material, the sooner we have a definite³ and final agreement the better".

I then referred in detail to the conditions of the original agreement, and also made an additional proposition as an alternative, and ended by saying: "In case either of these propositions meets your approval, I suggest that the Macmillans send me a brief form of contract, covering the conditions of agreement, so that there may be no possible cause of after-trouble on either side."

Mr. Whitney's reply was so insulting that I was unable to continue the correspondence.

All this is very tedious and vexatious, and I should not bother you with it, except for the necessity of making my position clear.

If you want the Bear book I think^{we} had better go back to the terms of the original agreement, except in two particulars, both of which I waive in your favor. The original agreement^{ment}, so far as there was any agreement, consists of four propositions: (1) that I was to write a bear book of about 60,000 words; (2) that said book was to be copyrighted in my name; (3) that I was not to republish until after one year's date of publication; (4) that I was to receive 1,000 dollars in payment.

I am still willing to abide by the terms of this agreement, and to give you exclusive right of the book for three years, and also to give you the full use of the large book I have written, or so much of it as you may wish to publish. As I remember it, the book contains more than 120,000 words. It is now ready, except that I should want to run over it and bring it down to the present knowledge of the subject.

I will add, without cost to you, 2 admirable photographs of wild bears, one of a black, the other of a grizzly-- the latter to

form the frontispiece.

It is understood that no other illustrations will be used without my approval, and that no editorial footnotes commenting on the substance matter will appear.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

*In case you still want the book
and do not want to print so big
a book as the present one will make,
I will cut it down, or send to you
and let you cut down, as you prefer -
down*

1919--16th Street
Washington, D.C.
March 24, 1907

Mr. George P. Brett
The Macmillan Company
New York City.

Dear Mr. Brett:

Tomorrow I expect to send you by express, for examination, the manuscript of my little book on Mewuk Myths, and should be very glad of any suggestions you may have to offer. In the same package are 19 photographs, illustrating 16 subjects, all of which have more or less bearing on the stories. Several are of the individual Indians who told me the stories, others are of members of tribes whose myths are included in the book. It seemed to me that some of these photographs might be reproduced direct, and that others might furnish material for the artist who illustrates the myths. As I told you, I spoke to Deming about them and he is anxious to make the pictures. I have many other photographs that will be useful to him in this connection.

My idea was that it might be well to publish the collection as soon as the illustrations are ready, and later to republish single stories, or groups on single subjects, in larger type and more attractive style for the Christmas trade.

I have much additional Mewuk material, relating to religious beliefs and so on, besides these myths; also many myths from other tribes, and a very large collection of photographs.

Very truly yours,

C. Eastman

Washington

March 25, 1907.

Dear Fletcher

Your letter is like the fresh
unspoiled country down the hills
this state is in.

When the first one came
I nearly gave in, but now
that the second has arrived,
and from now on a series
I am able to hold out longer.

In other words, you have enabled
in forwarding me the necessary
my resignation from the old
Nominative Committee.

Yes, we are keeping for
and by the attack on the

disputed territory, but if I
am not within the district
I get no benefit and
have no step, then I am

I should like to
now but I am not
then will keep in it
and I will also keep

with a lot of people to the
and has been in the
New Mexico

Dear Sir
a. w. h. m.

(under the table)
C. w. h. m.

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

April 2, 1907

Mr. George P. Brett
The Macmillan Company
New York City

Dear Mr. Brett:

Thanks for your letter of the 27th inst.

You are in error in thinking that I have changed my mind or plans as to the future republication of the Bear book. This is only natural since I have never explained to you the plan or scope of the series of volumes of which the final Bear book is to be one. This work, on which I have been engaged at odd times for more than twenty-five years, is to be a general comprehensive treatise on the Mammals of North America, comprising the results of my life studies of the various groups. It is to contain general technical discussions and illustrations, technical descriptions of the species, their geographic ranges, and popular accounts of the habits and economic relations of typical representatives of the various groups, and in some instances of each species. In the case of the game animals, much attention is given to hunting. The work will be illustrated by numerous pictures of the animals, some of which should be reproduced in color, and by maps showing the actual distribution of the more important species. This means that the work will be costly, both to the publisher and the purchaser.

Thus far I have not given much attention to the matter of its publication, although several publishers have come on here with a

view to securing it--and some other books on which I have for some time been engaged. It has seemed to me best to postpone definite arrangements until such time as I might have two or more volumes practically ready, so that both publisher and author would know exactly what the work would be like.

In the case of the Bear volume, there is a great difference between the book we have had under discussion, and which for two or three years has been practically ready for the press, and the final work on the same group. The former is relatively a small book, contains few illustrations, and practically no technical matter; the latter will have technical discussions, descriptions, maps, and illustrations including, it is hoped, two or three paintings showing the different types of bears. In other words, the final work will be much larger than the present one, will cost several times as much, and will appeal in the main to a different audience, so that there would seem to be no good reason why the sale of the two might not go on side by side.

As to the present Bear book: I should be willing to cancel the agreement between us--such as it is--or to enter into a new agreement on the lines suggested in my last letter, which I think will look differently to you in view of my present explanation of the character of the larger work.

I should be glad also to have you consider the publication of the final large work, in accordance with the suggestion in your last letter--for while it is true that certain publishers have shown some enthusiasm, not to say haste, with respect to this work, I have avoided entangling agreements, and thus far am absolutely free.

Besides the change on Bears, the next volume, that on the Wolves, Coyotes, and Foxes, is now well along, and will be followed by

one on the remaining American carnivores, including the Wolverine, Martens, Otters, Skunks, Badgers, Weasels and the rest of the series. The material for this volume is already gathered, but has not been finally put together. Besides this, most of the material on the Moose, Elk, the various species of Deer, Antelope, Goat, and Mountain Sheep has been collected, and the larger part of the technical work has been already done. The same may be said of the rodents, and of the insectivores--the moles and shrews. In other words, most of the specimens and other material needed for the entire work have been collected; what I now need is time to actually write the books--and I may add, confidentially, that I am trying to make arrangements by means of which I hope, within a year or two, to be able to devote the greater part of my time to the work.

I have always had in view a rather sumptuous work, printed on permanent rag-stock paper, with permanent illustrations. Many of these illustrations I already have, but of the original paintings only two or three have been made, the expense being so great that I have not yet been able to advance the necessary money.

The only work on our mammals which in any way suggests my work is that of Audubon and Bachman, published more than 50 years ago.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

April 12, 1907

E.W. Deming, Esq.,

5 McDougal Alley

New York City.

Dear Mr. Deming:

Herewith I am taking the liberty to send you by express some of my Me'-wuk Indian stories, along with a few photographs intended to afford suggestions for drawings.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly read these stories and let me know what you think about illustrating them. The introduction contains information of importance in the way of a general atmosphere in which the stories are surrounded.

The two photographs of Wennok Lake show the sharp cone peak from which Wek'-wek made his big kill of geese in the year 2 B.C. (see the Adventures of Wek'-wek).

There are two prints of the earth-covered round houses, one with the entrance low down on the side, the other with an underground entrance. These roundhouses are excavated so that the floor is from four to six feet below the surface level. Most of them are twelve to fifteen feet in height, and from thirty to fifty feet in diameter. The round house is mentioned in the story of 'How Tol'-le -loo stole the fire for the mountain people,' and in some of the others.

The photograph of the old woman cooking acorns is intended to afford suggestions for an incident which you will find in 'How Wut-too the Sun was set in the Sky'. The beautiful landscape showing oaks, pines and chaparral at Wassanma shows what the foothill country is like, and goes with the same story.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will let me know at what price you will furnish drawings suitable for reproduction in octavo size for these stories. If I am able to start with a few, and the book proves a success, others could be added in later editions.

You will of course consider the stories confidential.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Deming

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam
1919 16th St.
Washington, D. C.

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

April 16, 1907

Mr. George Brett

The Macmillan Co.

New York City.

Dear Mr. Brett:

Thanks for yours of the 11th inst.

In view of the fact that my Bear book was finished about three years ago, I cannot, in justice to myself and others, agree to postpone its publication for several years more.

I prefer therefore to accept your proposition of March 27 to cancel such agreement as existed between us as to its publication, so that I may get it out in the fall.

As to the final work on Mammals, in which you express interest, I shall be glad, when the time comes, to have you consider the possible publication of the series.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

April 18, 1907

My dear Seton:

Yours about the Mule deer head received.

Inasmuch as I paid for the cut only, I cannot
of course claim either the original or the sole
right of reproduction. So go ahead and use the
original in such form as you may wish.

Hastily yours

E. T. Seton

Ernest T. Seton
Coe Cob, Conn.

1919--16th Street
 Washington, D.C.
 April 20, 1907

Mr. Alex. Millar

Secretary Southern Pacific Company
 120 Broadway, New York.

Dear Mr. Millar:

Yours of the 15th inst. referring to a lost shipment from California, is at hand, and I am obliged for your continued interest in the matter.

Inasmuch as the goods were a present to me I do not wish to put in a claim, but am writing the shipper to do so at once with the Pennsylvania Company, and am referring them to your Trace No. 32555.

Regretting to have given you this trouble

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919--16th Street
 Washington, D.C.
 April 20, 1907

Goldberg, Bowen & Co.

Oakland, California

Dear Sirs:

Your shipment of dried fruit &c started at Oakland on December 6, last, was stolen from a Pennsylvania railroad car between New York city and Washington, as you will see from the accompanying correspondence.

You are requested to file a claim with the Pennsylvania railroad Freight Department.

When you have collected the same please either refund the money to John Muir of Martinez, who paid you for the goods, or duplicate the order. In the latter case do not ship before October, as our house will be closed during the summer and no one in town to receive the goods. Package should be addressed :Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919--16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully yours,

C. Hart Merriam

MYSTERIES OF THE FOREWORLD

Myths of the Mewan Indians of California

C. Hart Merriam

NEW YORK

1908

1919-16th.
Washington
April 24, 1919.

Mr. E. W. Downing
New York City

Dear Mr. Downing:

Your letter of Dec 15th in re
some help and I shall have
replied earlier but for pressure
of work.

I appreciate your exceedingly
generous offer to make the
drawing for \$25 each, and
accept the same, with the
understanding of course that the
originals are your property,
and with the additional under-
standing that if the book
sells in a profit I will

give you an additional page
for the use of the illustrations.

When our poor library is
able to finish them.

I think I shall want \$4
10 in all for the binding, and
shall pay the \$25. each for these
on receipt of the pictures.

Am anxious to learn how the
stories strike you.

Yours very
sincerely,
C. M. H. H. H.

1919--16th Street
Washington, D.C.
May 2, 1907

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
3 West Franklin Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Doctor Cushing:

Pardon my delay in sending the list of old medical books.
The enclosed list is incomplete. I have many other Anatomical works,
mostly of only medium age, some of which you might possibly like to see.

I am planning to leave Washington for California between the
15th and 20th of May. If you can manage to come over before I leave--
the earlier the better--I should be glad to have you look over my library.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

ANATOMY

COWPER, Wm.--Myotomia Reformata or an Anatomical treatise on the Muscles
of the Human body. London, 1724. Large folio (21¹/₂ x 14¹/₂).
Elegant plates and wonderful head and tail pieces (good condi-
tion except binding--needs rebinding)

-----Anatomia Corporum Humanorum. (Guilielmo Cowper; Dundass & Schom-
berg eds.) Utrajecti. 1750. Large folio (20 x 14¹/₄ in) Contains
beautiful plates. (Binding in bad condition).

Eustachius.--Tabulae Anatomicae. Rome, 1714. (15 x 9³/₄ in). (Good condition
but leather binding badly worn)

Sandifort, E.--Museum Anatomicum. 1793. 3 vols. text and pls. large folio
(20¹/₂ x 14¹/₄ in). (Excellent condition but poor binding).

Lister, Martini.--Exercitatio Anatomica. 1694.

Douglas, James.--Myographiae Comparatae. Edinburgh 1775.

Riolano, Joanne, Filio.--Encheiridium Anatomicum. 1649.

Hooper, Robt.--Anatomist's Vade Mecum. 4th ed. London 1802.

Walter, John Gottlieb.--Plates (some colored) Thoracic and Abdominal Nerves.
4^o London, 1804.

Monro on the Bones. Edinburgh 1820

Bell on the Bones. Phila. 1817

Bell on the Hand Phila. 1835

Bell's Anatomy (several editions)

Anatomy Cont.

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Fromepi.--Atlas Anatomicus. Lipsiae 1852. Handsome colored plates
(13x11 in.) good condition.

Quain.--Muscles of Human Body. Folio (20x11¹/₂ in.) London 1836. Probably
finest lith. plates of muscles ever published.

Fox, Jos.--Human Teeth. 40 London 1833.

COMPARATIVE ANATOMY

Brunot.--Etudes Anatomiques du Cheval. 16 colored plates. (Size 17³/₄x
11¹/₄ in) No date.

Ruini.--Anatomia del Cavallo. Venetia. 1618 (Size 12¹/₂x 8³/₄) Illumina-
ted titlepage.

Stubbs.--Anatomy of the Horse (Size 22 x 17¹/₄) Pls. London 1766.

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Gesner.--Chirurgia (Size 12³/₄ x 8¹/₈ in) 1555. (About 875 pages) Per-
fect condition except leather binding old.

Sculteti.--Armamentarium Chirurgicum (Size 13¹/₂ x 9). 1655. Lacks
plate 6 and 1/2 of pl. 26).

— Same title. 12^{mo} edition: pls. Hagae 1657.

Seerig, Albert Wilhelm Herrman.--Armamentarium Chirurgicum. Breslau.
(large folio, 23 x 19 in.) Plates in 12 Lieferungen. No date.

Bell on Wounds. (2 vols. bound together) London 1807.

Heisteri.--Institutiones Chirurgicae. 40 (About 1400 pages, many folding
plates. Velum) Amstelredami 1739.

Anatomy

Fyfe, Andrew.--Compendium of Anatomy. 4 vols. Edinburgh 1826

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Mr. E. W. H. H.
5 H. H. H. H.
New York City

1919 - 1924.
Washington
May 5, 1907.

Dear Mr. H. H. H.:

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and with kindest regards to Mrs
Living.

Wishing you
a most pleasant

Mrs. E. W. Living
5 Broadway St. New York City

1919 - 16th.
Washington
May 5, 1907.

Dear Mr. Living:

I have been waiting and waiting
for the first drawings for the
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1919 Sixteenth Street

Washington, D.C.

May 10, 1907.

Dr. Joseph D. McGuire

Bureau American Ethnology.

Dear Doctor McGuire:

In compliance with your request of long ago I am at last sending you (herewith) the names for tobacco and pipe in the languages of fifty-six tribes of California Indians. The word for pipe I was not always able to get.

All of the words here given were obtained by me direct from the Indians, and all are written in simple phonetic English. Trusting they may be of use to you, and regretting my delay in sending them,

Very truly yours,

E. H. H. H. H. H.

1919-16 ft.
May 15, 1927

Dr. Hugh B. Lister
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Lister:

enclosed is my check
for \$10.00 - my contribution
to entertainment fund for
International Zoological Congress.

Very truly
yours

C. Hart Merriam.

1919-16 St., Washington
May 26, 1907

Dear Mr. Denning:

For a long time I've been hoping to see some of the drawings you are making for the California. I have not yet seen one but I am sure you have arrived. I have been delayed in getting off to California and now expect to be here until the end of this week. Can you not send a few in this for me to get them by Friday? If not, I fear the book will be delayed till next winter or spring as I shall be away till late in the fall.

Very
Yours
C. West Harrison

Mr. E. W. Denning
New York City

1919--16th St., Washington,

June 17, 1907.

The Crocker National Bank,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I enclose New York draft for \$300, which please credit
to my account and oblige.

My address until further notice will be General Delivery, San
Francisco.

Respectfully,

E. M. H. H. H.

By the bank of the United States.

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Respectfully,

E. M. Harrison

By the bank I enclosed also.

2428 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.,

July 3rd, 1907.

Professor O. T. Mason,

U. S. National Museum, Washington.

My dear Professor Mason:

When in Salt Lake City last week I saw a very remarkable and interesting ancient basket from the Cave ruins of Southern Utah. It was in a high case, so that I was unable to get close to it, but its general form is roughly indicated by the accompanying sketch. Its height appeared to be about two feet. It carries a rather heavy design which I was not able to make out. It is in the store of R. Stenzel Fur Company, and the proprietor, in reply to my inquiry, agreed to sell it for \$25.00. I think it is worth at least double this amount, and thought the Museum might be glad to purchase it. If so, it should be carefully crated to avoid injury, as it is exceedingly old. The rim is slightly broken, otherwise it appeared to be perfect.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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2428 Pine Street, San Francisco,

August 31st, 1907.

Mr Harry E. Sinclair,
Yreka, California.

My dear Mr Sinclair:

Your letter from Los Angeles, dated July 16 and addressed to me at Yosemite, has travelled across the continent two or three times and has finally reached me here in San Francisco. I am glad to know about the collection you mention and should like to examine it. It is just possible that I may visit Yreka later in the season when at work in Northern California. If so, I shall of course hunt you up. Our National Museum ought to obtain such collections whenever possible, provided the specimens are carefully labeled. The trouble with most general collections is that the data which give them value have not been recorded and there is too much uncertainty as to the tribe from which a particular specimen came. Such relics as the gauntlets worn by Gen. Canby have no scientific or ethnological value whatever, but would be valuable in a dime museum.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter,

Yours very truly,

Canby

2428 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.,

November 4th, 1907.

Professor W. F. Willcox,

Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Professor Willcox:

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd ult., which I find on my return from a long field trip in the mountains of Southern California. The paper which you mention sending me has been retained in Washington in my pamphlet mail, so that I cannot see it until my return a few weeks hence. I am obliged to you, however, and am glad to know that you are interested in the subject of our aboriginal population. I have published a paper on this subject so far as the State of California is concerned, and shall take pleasure in sending you a copy on my return. I have little personal knowledge of the Indian population in the rest of the United States at the time of the discovery of America, but feel absolutely sure that some recently expressed views concerning the population of California grossly understate the facts. My belief is that the Indian population of this State, at the time of its invasion by the Franciscan padres, could not have been less than three hundred thousand. The vast number of village sites occupied within the recollection of old Indians now living proves a very large population, and

the number of such sites known to me continues to increase with each additional piece of field work.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter,

Very truly yours,

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington.

December 8, 1907.

Mr. F.W.Hodge,
Chairman, Committee on
Nomenclature of Indian Families.

Dear Mr. Hodge:

Your advance report on the Nomenclature of Indian Linguistic Families reaches me just as I am leaving the city to attend the Philadelphia meeting of the American Ornithologist's Union. I am too busy therefore to take up the matter fully and ~~will~~ for the present will say nothing about the families omitted from your list.

I suggest the insertion after paragraph I, of a clause to the effect that: Other things equal, it is recommended that family names be based on the name of an included tribe.

Under Miwok (~~Mewuk~~) it is stated that "Miwok is the name used for themselves by seven-eighths of the people of this stock". This statement is absolutely untrue, the name in question being the word for 'people' in about one-sixth of the area inhabited by the stock, as you will see by consulting my map in the April-June ^{number} of the Anthropologist. (See also statement on page 342.)

Since this same name has been adopted by several of your ethnologists as a tribal name for a group of people inhabiting the foothills of the middle Sierra, why should it not end in 'an' when used as a stock name, in accordance with your rule 2?

The name Washe is spelled wrong from all points of view. The last letter should be either u or oo according to the system used. It is pronounced by the Indians Washashoo.

Why is a terminal s added to the name Yo-kut?

I wish to enter a most earnest protest against the use of such ridiculous names as Costansan, Karok, Yurok, and Pomo.

Hastily yours, *Edward H. Henshaw*

1919-16 St. Washington, D.C.
Dec. 22, 1907.

Dear Raula:

Knowing that you may have the
bird shot in the cold this winter
Mrs. Minnie and I are sending
you by registered mail a bird jacket
which we hope will be comfortable.

Have you and all your people
getting on? I was very sorry to
be obliged to go away so soon, but
hope to stay longer next time.
With kind regards and best wishes

Very truly,
E. M. Minnie

Mrs. Raula Nege
Camp, Calif.

1919-16 St. Washington, D.C.
Dec. 22, 1907.

Dear Mrs. Minnie:

As a little reminder of the
pleasant day I spent at Camp
last October I am sending
you, with the compliments of the
seam, the National Geographic
the pictures and maps are usually
interesting.

Mrs. Minnie and my daughter
wish me to thank you for the
delicious mango jelly you were
so kind to send them, and which
I succeeded in keeping from getting
accident.

You may be interested in an article on
the Indian population of California when
I write sometime ago - a mailing number
with kind regards

Very truly,
E. M. Minnie
Mrs. Minnie Polk
Camp, Calif.

1919 - 16th Washington

Dec. 31, 1907.

Mr. Robert Ragg
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Ragg:

Yours of the 28th recd.

I shall be glad to have you renew the insurance on my household furniture (\$1000), library and paintings (\$2000), Indian Basket (\$4000), and scientific specimens (\$500) - in all \$7500 - for three years beginning January 18, 1908.

At the rate you mention (\$4000) the cost will be \$20 if I figure correctly. By check for the amt. to enclosed herewith.

Very truly
C. Hart Merriam -

1919--16th Street

January 6, 1908

Robt. B. Caverley, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find my check for \$3.65 in payment of accompanying bill, for repair of water heater and leak in 3d story bathroom.

These leaks in the third story bathroom have seriously damaged a number of books and pamphlets on the floor below.

Every time your men repair the water heater they leave something undone so that the machine is never in good working order, and is a great expense. When it was repaired this fall one piece of the plate closing the opening around the pipe on the back side, was left off allowing a quantity of cold air to enter. Furthermore, and still worse, the doors on the north side were not shut tight and something was disarranged so that I am unable to shut them tight. As a result a broad crack remains admitting a large volume of cold air, thus interfering with the heating of the water and increasing the amount of the gas bill.

When one employs the highest priced plumber in town it seems fair to expect better work.

Respectfully,

C. West

1919 16 St, Washington, D.C.

Feb. 6, 1908.

Hon. Charles J. Fix, Treasurer
Erie Co., Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The County tax bills sent me a few days ago were not correctly made out and are returned herewith.

My bill, amounting to \$14.01 (check for which is enclosed), was put on the same bill with one belonging to the Estate of Caroline H. Merriam--as per description in letter I wrote you on Jan. 16, and which is herewith returned for description. Kindly send me receipt for this bill separately.

I enclose also check for \$11.01 in payt of taxes on the two other lots ($7.48 + 3.53 = 11.01$). Please send receipted bill for these also.

Is there no way of entering the correct names of present owners on your books? The Deeds were recorded in Buffalo 25 or 30 years ago, but the tax bills always come in the wrong names.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

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Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 6, 1908.

Mr. Paul A. Carpenter
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Mrs. Walter Nordhoff tells me that you have some photographs of Indians taken by yourself near to and here of San Luis Mission ~~Ind.~~ and that at least one of them shows the tribal markings on the breast.

I am writing to ask if you will kindly sell me prints of these?

I should be very glad also to obtain any information you may have about these or other Indians of Lower California and Southern California as I am much interested in their distribution and tribal relations.

Had I known about you I would have called on you when in San Diego last October.

Very truly
C. Hart Merriam -

This letter of
C. Hart Merriam
is hereby forwarded

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

February 16, 1908.

Mr. Alex. Millar

120 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Mr. Millar:

Yours of the 14th inst. with list of members of the Harriman Alaska Expedition received yesterday.

It has given me much pleasure to go over this list and add the present addresses of the members known to me. I have also indicated those who have wives, as you request.

In returning your list I am enclosing also a new list comprising the names and addresses of all living members of the expedition outside of the Harriman family, the others being employees.

With kindest regards to Mr. Harriman

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harriman

MEMBERS OF HARRIMAN ALASKA EXPEDITION, 1899

Addresses corrected to February 1908.

Brewer, Prof. Wm. H. New Haven, Conn.
 Burroughs, John (wife) West Park, N.Y.
 Coo, Prof. Wesley R. (wife) Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
 Cole, Leon J. Sheffield Scientific School, New Haven,
 Coville, F.V. (wife) Agricultural Dept., Washington, D.C.
 Dall, Dr. Wm. H. (wife) Smithsonian Inst., Washington, D.C.
 Dellenbaugh, Fred. S. (wife) ... 16 West 61st St., New York.
 Devereaux, W.B. (wife) Hotel San Remo, N.Y.
 Draper, Miss Dorothea 18 West 8th St., New York
 Elliot, Daniel G. ~~Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.~~ New York City, Europe
 Emerson, Prof. B.K. (wife) Amherst, Mass.
 Fernow, Prof. B.E. (wife) Univ. Toronto, Toronto, Canada.
 Fisher, Dr. A.K. (wife) Agricultural Dept. Washington, D.C.
 Fuentes, L.A. (wife) Ithaca, N.Y.
 Gannett, Henry (wife) U.S. Geol. Survey, Washington, D.C. in Cuba
 Gilbert, Dr. G.K. U.S. Geol. Survey, Washington, D.C.
 Grinnell, Dr. Geo. Bird (wife) ... 346 Broadway, N.Y.
 Kearney, T.H. Agricultural Dept., Washington, D.C.
 Keeler, Chas. A. Berkeley, Calif.
 Kincaid, Prof. T. Univ. of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
 Merriam, Dr. C. Hart (wife) 1919--16th St., Washington, D.C.
 Morris, Dr. Lewis R. (wife) 60 West 58th St. N.Y.
 Muir, John Martinez, Calif.
 Palache, Prof. Chas. (wife) Harvard Univ., Cambridge, Mass.
 Ridgway, Robt. (wife) Nat. Mus., Washington, D.C. [Now in Costa Rica]
 Ritter, Prof. W.F. (wife) Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Calif.
 Saunders, De Alton Waco, Texas
 Starks, Dr. E.C. (wife) Stanford University, California
 Trelease, Prof. Wm. (wife) Director Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Mo.

February 17, 1908.

Mr. C. E. Kelsey,
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelsey:

Glad to hear from you again and to know that you have had such a splendid long field season. I envy you. For ten years I have been hoping to spend a winter and early spring in California but so far have not been able to get there until the country has dried up.

As to Wm. Hulsey of Big Bend, Pitt River: It is hard to reply to your inquiry as to the man's status and habits on so short an acquaintance. I was with him less than a day. He impressed me, however, as a sober, industrious man. He is bright and intelligent and talks English fairly well. I suspect that white blood flows in his veins somewhere. He is mail carrier, which fact in itself seems to imply that he is steady and not a drinking man.

A few days ago I sent you a copy of the bill introduced by Senator Flint for the purchase of land in California, along with the report on the same.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Kelsey, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

A. H. Merriam

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DR C. HART MERRIAM, Chief U.S. Biological Survey. Born in New York City Dec. 5, 1855, of Clinton L. and Caroline Hart Merriam; raised on his father's farm at Locust Grove, Lewis Co., northern New York; married in 1886 and has two daughters. Educated at Alexander Military Institute, White Plains, New York; Pingry's School, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass.; and Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University; and graduated from College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1879. Practiced medicine and surgery at Locust Grove, N.Y. 1878-1885. In 1885 appointed Chief of the then newly established Division of Ornithology and Mammalogy, now the Biological Survey, U.S. Dept. Agriculture, which position he still holds. Was Naturalist of Hayden's Survey of the Territories, 1872; Asst. U.S. Fish Commission (under Prof. Baird), 1875; Surgeon SS Proteus, Arctic Seal Fishery, 1883; originator and leader of the Death Valley Expedition, 1890-91; Commissioner U.S. Bering Sea Fur-Seal Commission, 1891; and Secretary Harriman Alaska Expd., 1899. Has conducted Biological explorations in all the western States and Territories. Has been President of Linnaean Society, N.Y.; Lewis Co., N.Y. Medical Society; Biological Soc. of Washington; American Ornithologists' Union, and Section Zoology, Am. Assoc. Adv. Sci. Member Am. Philosophical Soc., National Academy of Sciences, and numerous other Am. scientific societies; Foreign Member Zoological Soc. London, and of other European societies.

Author of several hundred papers on zoological, botanical, and ethnological subjects, of which the following are among the more important: Birds of Connecticut, 1877; Mammals of the Adirondacks, 1882-4; Biological Survey of San Francisco Mt. and Desert of Little Colorado, Arizona, 1890; Biological Reconnaissance of Idaho, 1891; Geographic Distribution of Life in North ¹⁸⁹²Am.; The Trees, Shrubs, Cactuses, and Yuccas of the Death Valley Expedition, 1893; the Laws of Temperature Control

of the Geographic Distribution of Terrestrial Animals and Plants, 1894; Monograph of the Pocket Gophers (Geomysidae), 1895; Revision of the American Shrews, 1895; Synopsis of Am. Weasels, 1896; Biological Survey of Mt. Shasta, Calif., 1899; Life Zones and Crop Zones of the U.S., 1898; Distribution of Indian Tribes in the southern Sierra and adjacent parts of the San Joaquin Valley, California, 1904; The Indian Population of California, 1905; Distribution and Classification of the Mewan Stock of California, 1907; Is Mutation a factor in the Evolution of the Higher Vertebrates, 1906.

Residence, 1919 16th St., Washington; office, Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture.

1919 16th St., Washington

April 18, 1908.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Bristol:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th inst. I am glad that you have had another talk with Mr Watrous on the Hoadley Estate matter.

Replying to your inquiries, it is my wish and expectation to continue as sole trustee, with Mr Pickett as local agent, we to readjust the compensation according to the fee fixed by the Probate Court--for, as stated to you and Mr Watrous when in New Haven, I will accept without question whatever fee the Probate Court deems proper. This should satisfy the Kimberlys demand for a reduction in the cost of managing the trust.

Replying to the last sentence of your letter, I do not deem it absolutely necessary to have a local agent in New Haven since I could arrange to transact the necessary business by mail (as I have done in similar cases elsewhere), but a local agent would be a convenience and inasmuch as Mrs Townsend has expressed her desire that Mr Pickett be continued, I shall of course be glad to respect her wishes in the matter.

In case you are able to arrange the whole matter out of court, I am willing to accept as fee whatever sum you and Mr Watrous and Mr Barclay agree upon.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

1919--16th Street, Washington, D.C.

April 18, 1908

Dear Miss Bradley:

I send you herewith check for \$300.
in payment of your annuity from the Hoadley
Estate for first quarter of 1908.

The income seems to justify this in-
crease of \$50. in the quarterly payments
(from \$250. to \$300.). This will leave a
smaller balance to be paid at end of year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Exec. & Trustee

Miss Maria H. Bradley.

Peoria, Ill.

Peoria, Ill., April 1908

Received of C. Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee, Estate of F.H.
Hoadley, deceased, the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) in payment
of quarterly annuity for first quarter of 1908.

April 24, 1908.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Bristol:

Your letter of yesterday is received. Mr Barclay's proposition, as I understand it, is:

1. That the trustee's fee for last year be reduced from \$500 to \$300;
2. That I use my best endeavor to have the surety bond terminated;
3. That the matter of a co-trustee be left open to be argued in Court.

I fail to see how this can be regarded as a proposition for a settlement. It looks to me like a proposition for me to throw off \$200 in the trustees fee, and at the same time leave the main question open, necessitating the annoyance, waste of time, and expense to the Estate, of a case in Court.

For the sake of an immediate settlement I will agree to the first and second clauses (reducing the trustee's fee to \$300, and using my best effort to terminate the surety bond) provided the other side will drop the co-trustee proposition--which would be sure to involve the Estate in unnecessary expense.

Very truly yours

C. Hart

1919 16th St., Washington.

1919 16St., Washington

April 26, 1908.

My dear Mr Bristol:

In view of the impossibility of further correspondence before April 29, the date set for the Probate hearing, I hereby authorize you, after conference with Mr Watrous as representing Mrs Townsend, to take such action as you may deem for the best interests of the Hoadley Estate.

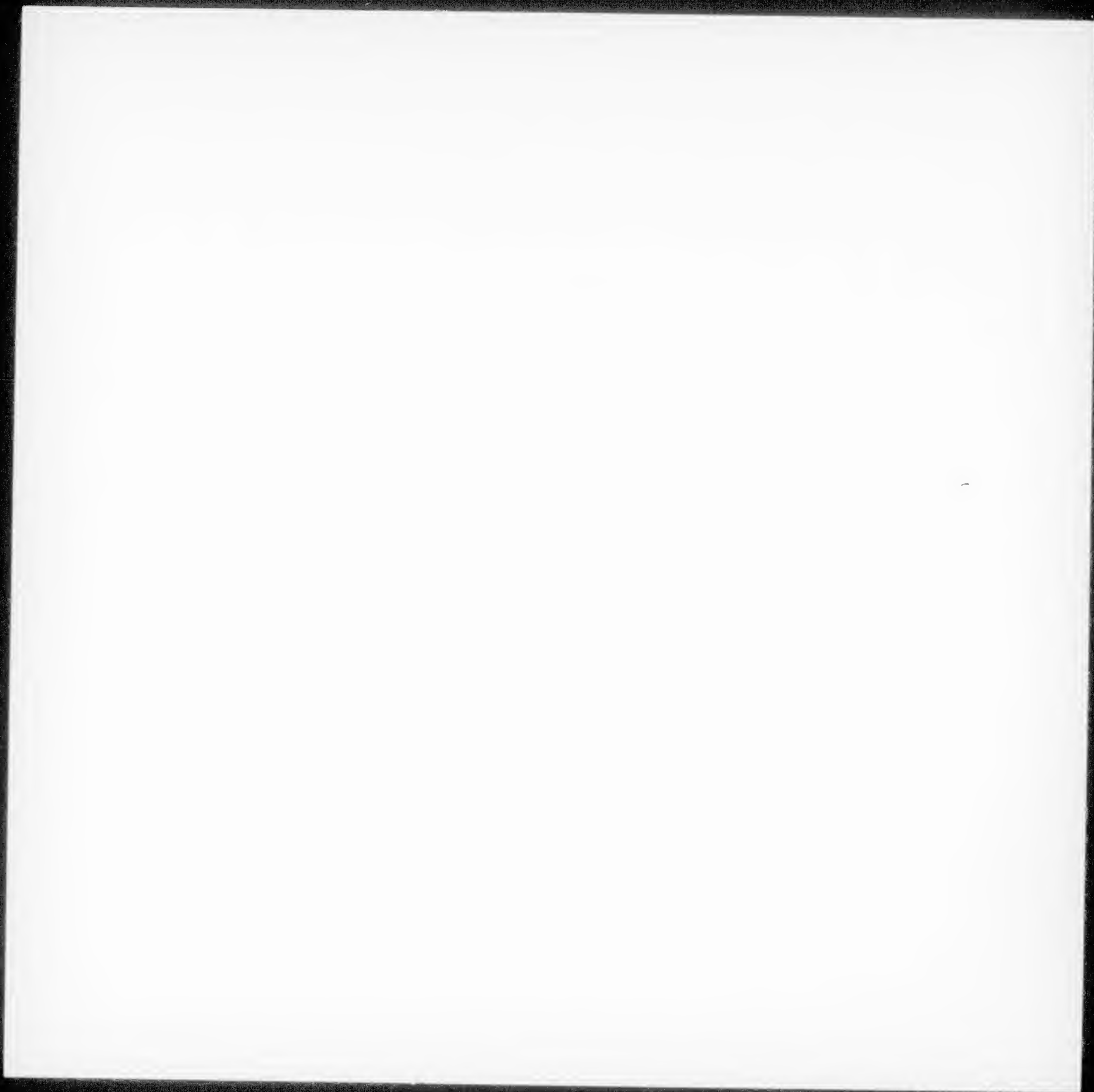
In case it is necessary for me to be present at the hearing, you will of course wire me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Mr John W. Bristol,

New Haven, Conn.



In the absence of Mr C. Harry Merriam, who has gone to San Clemente Island in his new airship, Dr C. Hart Merriam offers his services as a substitute and may be expected at Mr Gifford Pinchot's reception to the Governors of the States and other aspirants for INLAND AQUATIC CELEBRITY on Thursday evening May the fourteenth at bedtime.

1919 Sixteenth Street
April 25, 1908.

April 25, 1908.

Hon. Charles J. Fix,
Treasurer, Erie Co., N.Y.

Dear Sir:

There appears to be an error in the description of a lot on south side of Ferry Street, belonging to the Estate of Caroline H. Merriam, the last tax receipt for which I enclose herewith.

Please notice that on this bill the distance from Fillmore Street is given as 1072⁵⁴. On most of the previous bills it is 1272⁶⁴. But the original Deed gives it as 1249 ft 6 in. (Deed from Hiram D. Faulkner and Nannie J. Faulkner his wife, to Caroline H. Merriam, recorded June 30, 1890, at 9.25 A.M. in Liber 494 of Deeds, at page 502.

I don't understand these variations in the description as entered on the tax bills, and trust that we are not paying taxes on the wrong lot.

Will you not kindly have the necessary correction made, and oblige.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington.

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

April 30, 1908

My dear Mr. Bristol:

Yours of the 28th received. Your telegram caught me just as I was starting for the train.

On May 6 I have to present a report to the Government Geographic Board, but I could be in New Haven on the 8th if that day is selected.

I have got together some 145 letters from Judge Townsend, 88 from Roger Baldwin, 22 from Judge Stoddard and yourself, and a batch from Maria Bradley and others. Of these, 145 were written after the litigation--that is, from 1897 to 1907 included. Do you want me to bring them? It would hardly do to have them read by the other side. My answers to all of them, or letters to which they are answers, if saved--must be in New Haven--in Mrs. Townsend's or Pickett's hands and your office.

I have press book copies of nearly all but don't want to bring the big copy books.

I enclose herewith copy of Bond of March 8, 1897. Kindly return it later on.

Very truly yours

C. Hart

Mr. John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

1919 16th St., Washington

May 22, 1908.

My dear Mr. Holt:

You are very good to keep sending me these new books, and I am very glad to see them for several reasons, not least of which is the certainty that they are doing good in popularizing science and attracting people to the joys of Nature.

But Britton's Trees is a dreadful thing to handle--and it has TWO indexes! Kellog's Insects is better, and a mighty useful volume. Both are disappointing in the lack of precision as to the geographic ranges of the species.

Knowlton's Birds will be a good book, and Stejneger's Reptiles may be depended on as one of the best of the series.

The crowning glory, Merriam's Mammals, is progressing slowly. Material is constantly accumulating, and from week to week little dribblets are written, but the time necessary for really pitching in and doing the job has not yet arrived--owing mainly to the increased pressure of official work and the illness and absence last winter of two of my principal assistants. However, let us pray for better luck ahead.

With best wishes, and many thanks for the books,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Henry Holt,
Burlington, Vermont.

1919--16th Street
 Washington, D.C.
 May 20, 1908

Committee on Admissions,
 C O S M O S C L U B.

Sirs:

George Shiras 3d, whose name it has given me much pleasure to post for membership in the Club, was born at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1859, was graduated from Cornell in 1881, from the Yale Law School in 1883, and married in 1885.

The worst than can be said of him is that he was once a lawyer and a member of Congress. He was admitted to the Connecticut and Pennsylvania bars in 1883, and was associated with his father in the practice of law until the latter's appointment to the Supreme Bench in 1892. He was a member of the Pennsylvania legislature in 1889 and 1890, and was elected to Congress (Republican) in 1902.

In spite of these drawbacks there is much to be said in his favor. After several years in Congress he resigned to devote his time and energies to the betterment of legislation for the protection of our native mammals and birds, to the field study of natural history, and to the higher development of wild animal photography as a substitute for the gun in animal hunting.

It was Mr. Shiras who invented and perfected the apparatus and method of Flashlight Photography used so successfully by himself in photographing American big game, and by Schilling in photographing the big game of Africa. In the course of his work in animal

photography he has obtained unique series of pictures of Moose, Caribou, Deer and other mammals, and a multitude of birds, visiting for this purpose various parts of our continent and outlying islands, including Newfoundland, the Florida Keys, and the Bahamas.

He has written a number of papers, and his splendid pictures are known all over the world. At present he is writing a book on the Deer of America.

Mr. Shiras is a public spirited citizen, an officer of the Committee of One Hundred for the improvement of legislation concerning public health, and a man of means, ability and position. In short he is the kind of man we want in the Cosmos Club.

Respectfully

C. Hart

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.,

May 25, 1908

Mr. John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Bristol:

In accordance with your last letter (of May 20) I will be on hand on Friday the 29th. Assuming that you want to see me the night before--as previously arranged--I will go up in time to call at your office on Thursday evening the 28th unless I hear from you to the contrary.

Should hearing be again postponed kindly wire me at the earliest possible moment. I have three times purchased return tickets which I had to redeem, and last week I had my sleeping car ticket in my pocket and grip packed when your telegram arrived.

Very truly yours,

C. Henry Winston

1919--16th Street
Washington, D.C.,
May 29, 1908.

George C. Jordan,
Manager Equitable Life,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th inst. transmitting
policy No. 1557984, insuring my life for \$5000.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Jordan

1919 16th St., Washington
June 1, 1908.

Hon. John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Bristol:

Yours of the 29th recd. Yes, I shall be glad to go to New Haven on the 6th inst. if the Hearing will really come off on that date. I suppose you wish to see me at your office the night before and will arrange to call after supper on the 5th unless I hear from you to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

C. Keith Burman

Corrections concerning California Indians.

Owing to my absence in California when my article on The Distribution and Classification of the Mewan Stock of California¹ was passing through the press I did not see the proof, and as a consequence several typographic errors crept in. Two of these are of sufficient importance to need correction.

On page 344 line 18 for "Ko'-ne-u-kon'-ne" read "Ko'-ne or Kon'-ne."

On page 357 line 4 for "There is no doubt", read "There is doubt"--the meaning being completely reversed.

In a report of a meeting of the Anthropological Society of Washington published in the same volume (page 388, line 26) I am made to say that certain songs were sung at intervals of eight days. My statement was that they were sung at intervals for eight days.

C. Hart Merriam.

¹ Am. Anthropologist, vol.9, No.2, pp 338-357, April-June 1907.

1919 16th St., Washington

June 7, 1908.

My dear Mr. Holt:

On returning from a brief trip to southern New England this morning I found your recent letter awaiting attention, and will surprise you by a rather prompt reply.

Britton's Tree book is most certainly an Identification Book--as you call this kind. It is far enough away from your popular Natural History series, and equally far from the monographic scientific treatise. If it didn't require a stone-boat to cart it around it would better serve the purpose of an identification handbook.

Now as to your inquiry about my own intentions: For some years, and utterly independent of the question of publication, I have been accumulating material and writing matter for THREE different books on North American Mammals. These are: (1) a handy identification book (I rather like your term), containing brief keys and descriptions of all the species and subspecies; (2) a Natural History--according to your own heart, as I understand it; and (3) a final large and if possible somewhat sumptuous series of monographic volumes, comprising technical descriptions and full biographies--life histories, habits, economic status, methods of hunting and trapping and so on.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Henry Holt,
Burlington, Vermont.

1919 16th St., Washington

June 21, 1908.

Mr Homer E. Sargent,
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter about the card catalogue used by me for my basket collection. One of my cards is enclosed herewith. It is very simple, as you will see, having no printed leaders except for Tribe and No. The reason for this is that the matter to be recorded under the several headings varies so much according to the individual case that it is impossible--for me at least--to invent any stereotyped form which will meet the requirements of different baskets. For instance, my remarks under the headings 'Materials', 'Design', and 'Use' vary from half a line to more than half a card.

At the top of the card, between the red lines, I write the name of the tribe first, and follow it on the same line, with the locality. On the next line below I give the Indian name of the basket and its use. At the bottom I state where, when, and from whom the basket was obtained, leaving the body of the card for the photograph and description.

Since most of my baskets were obtained by me from the Indians who made them I usually have a number of Indian words to record connected with the materials, design, and use which add materially to the ethnologic value of the specimen.

When you come to Washington it will give me much pleasure to show you my collection and photographic card catalogue.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

1919 16 St., Washington

June 23, 1908.

To Bull Calf,
Browning, Montana.

My dear Friend:

Your letter came some time ago, but I have been away. My wife and I are very glad to hear from you and to know that you are getting along all right.

You ask for a big flag for the Fourth of July. My wife and I went down town and hunted for the right kind and after a while found a good one, which we bought and which we are now sending to you by registered mail. It ought to reach Browning about two days after this letter, so you are sure to have it before the end of the month.

Yes, we heard about the hard winter you had year before last, and we were very sorry and felt bad for our friends. We are sorry also that Middle Calf died.

I do not understand about your land. The Commissioner is away now, in California. I wish I could go out there to see you.

We have not seen Dr Grinnell for a long time.

Our children have grown up to be big girls since you were here. They have been working hard all winter in school.

We send our kind regards to your people, and hope to see you again sometime.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

1914 - 1638.

Vancouver

Jan 24, 1902

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On page 353, line 8 from bottom, for "Tso'-kew po-goot" read
 "Tso-ke-yo-me po-goot", and add "Al-lö'k-yo-me po-goot" as an additional
 rancheria in Pope Valley. On line 13 of the same page add "Lahl-
 mok-po-goot", there having been two rancherias in Middletown valley.
 This brings the number of villages of the Tuleyome up to fifteen.

1919 - 1924.

Washington

June 24, 1902.

Dear Mr. Hodge:

Enclosed are a stamp page of
collections, with 5 lines added.
as I should have put this
in originally. In village to
add to count.

Very
sincerely,
A. N. S. Hodge

W. M. Hodge
Editor Anthropologist

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1919 16th St., Washington,
June 24, 1908.

My dear Mr Bridges:

On reaching home this evening I found your letter of yesterday and the package of manuscript and illustrations, complete, for which I am obliged. I am not surprised at your decision, though it is sometimes hard for a person interested in a special subject to realize that very few others may share his interest.

The Bear Book I have not had a chance to touch since I saw you, but I hope for time to get at it in a few days. It was completed several years ago but needs going over again in view of additional information now at hand.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr Robert Bridges

1919 16th St., Washington,
June 27, 1908.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Bristol:

Thanks for your letter containing the good news that the decision of the Probate Court is wholly in our favor. I congratulate you as well as the Estate. As there seems to be no ground for an appeal I assume that it is safe to consider the atmosphere as clear.

I have jotted down a few dates of events of greater or less importance connected with the Hoadley Estate in order to have a handy memorandum in case of need. Will you kindly add anything you think worth while from the facts you recently collected. I believe you have a record of two bonds given by the Executors. I have only the one of March 8, 1897, and am not sure that the entry is correct.

Very truly yours,

ESTATE OF F.H.HOADLEY: SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- 1895
February 25. Dr Hoadley died at Palm Beach, Florida.
- March 2. Funeral from home of sister, Cornelia H. Kimberly, at New Haven, Conn. Will read to Kimberlys by Judge Baldwin.
- May 29. Hoadley's Will (dated Nov. 2, 1893) ^{admitted to probate} probated at New Haven. (C. Hart Merriam and William K. Townsend Executors.) ^{with letter}
- October 7. The Kimberlys appealed from Probate.
- November 23. Judge W.K. Townsend and I opened Hoadley's Safe Deposit box in 5th Ave. Safe Deposit Vault, New York.
- 1896
May 28. Hoadley Will sustained by Jury: Trial at New Haven before Judge Oscar F. Prentice of Hartford.
- June 8. ^{Kimberlys given notice of appeal. appeal filed July 20.}
- December 22. Supreme Court of Errors sustained Will, finding no error in trial.
- 1897
March 8. Executors Bond of \$10000 filed for sale of Crown St. land Vol. 280, page 590, Records of Probate Court.
- July 15. Collateral Inheritance Tax paid--\$2,340.54
- December Sold Crown St. lot (20 1/2 ft. front) for \$10,000.
- 1900
May Administration Account filed (to March 21).
- September 28. Probate Court accepted Administration Account, recording certain criticisms and reductions.
- 1904
May 11. Application filed for Interpretation of Will.
- October Construction of Will returned by Supreme Court of Errors.
- 1905
December 19. Remainder of Crown St. property sold to Simon J. Hugo for \$34,500, of which \$25,000 was a 1st mtg. on the property, to run 10 years at 4 percent payable semi-annually. (The previous sale of Dec. 1897 netted \$10,000 making in all \$44,500, which exceeds the appraised value by \$10000).

on same date (May 29) the Executors gave an
Executors bond of \$10000

appeal brought before Supreme Court of
Errors & Judicial Dist. of Bridgeport on
4th Tuesday of Oct. 1896 + argued five days later.

Estate of F.H.Hoadley: Summary 2

- 1907
May 1. Chapel St. store (798 Chapel) leased to Crawford Plummer Co. for 10 years a \$2900.04 per annum, payable monthly--\$241.67 per month.
- June 2. Judge William K. Townsend died, leaving C.Hart Merriam sole surviving Executor and Trustee.
- 1908
April 3. Kimberlys petition Probate Court to remove present Trustee or to appoint a resident of New Haven as successor to Judge W.K.Townsend.
- June 6. Hearing on above petition in Probate Court, New Haven.
- June 25. Decision rendered by Probate court, in favor of C.Hart Merriam, sole Executor and Trustee.

1919 16th St., Washington

June 27, 1908.

Mr C.E.Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Now that our Hoadley Estate account for last year has been accepted by the Probate Court, and the application of the Kimberleys for a new Trustee dismissed, it looks as if we might go ahead with the Estate business.

In the next account I intend to reduce still further the fee for services of Executor and Trustee. In view of this, and of the present uncomplicated condition of the Estate, and the fact that I expect to attend to most of the business from this end of the line, what do you feel would be a fair charge for your services?

I shall be obliged if you will send me a check for the cash balance in your hands, with a memorandum of expenses since March 19. If you have not time to attend to this immediately, please send me \$600 at once so that I can deposit it to the Estate's account on July 1, or at latest July 2, as I have not enough left in bank by about \$217 to settle last year's account and expenses paid by me to date--not to mention the \$300 due Maria Bradley the first of July.

The Tax bill I assume will be the same as last year--\$531.50. Please send it to me early in the month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

June 27, 1908

My dear Mrs Townsend:

A letter just received from Mr. Bristol states that the Probate Court has accepted our account for the Hoadley Estate for the year ending March 19, 1908, "without change".

This means among other things that the fee of \$500 for administration has not been cut down. Of this amount, Mr Pickett has received \$200, leaving \$300 for the Executors and Trustees. Inasmuch as the Judge acted in this capacity until June, and inasmuch as you, in the capacity of his Executrix, were responsible until I took over the management of the Estate about the end of the year, it seems fair that we should divide this \$300. I take the liberty therefore to enclose to your order a check for \$150.

That Hoadley watch is a good deal like the baby Solomon was called upon to return to its true owner--at least it is mighty hard to divide and have anything of value left. I hope therefore that you will allow me to present my interest in it to George. It will be a pleasant memory, and I hope will be of use to him for many years.

I trust also that he has now fully recovered from his throat trouble, and that you both are well.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

1919 16th St., Washington
July 1, 1908.

Mr E. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for yours of June 29, enclosing check for \$450 on account of collections for Hoadley Estate.

Evidently I failed to make myself clear about the tax bill. I want to pay this and all other large bills by check, so that my check book as executor and trustee will show the principal expenditures. This is the reason I asked you in my letter of June 27 to send me the cash balance, and to send the tax bill early in the month. It must be paid this month to avoid penalty. So if you will please send me the cash balance and tax bill I will pay the bill at once.

By the time this reaches you, I assume you will have collected the July rent (\$241.67) and paid Heli his July annuity (\$41.67), thus leaving in your hands, if I figure correctly, \$871.29--which amount I shall be glad to deposit to Hoadley Estate account in Am. Security and Trust, where monthly balances draw interest.

As to your compensation: My letter of last year to which you refer was based on the supposition that the executor's fee would be \$600 as in previous years. But now, since this fee is to be so materially reduced, and your labors for the Estate correspondingly reduced, what do you consider a fair compensation for your services?

I should be glad to agree to an arrangement by which, if you succeed in collecting the Lee Insurance, you would receive \$50 additional.

Very truly yours,

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.
July 2, 1908.

Mr Camillus Kidder,
27 William Street,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Mr Richard Rathbun has just given me your address, but is not sure that you are in the City. If you receive this kindly let me know at once as I wish to send you a paper relating to some real estate here owned jointly by Mrs Kidder, Mr Rathbun, Mr Henshaw, myself and one or two others. Mr Rathbun thinks you hold power of attorney for Mrs Kidder, or at least could sign a paper in her interest while she is abroad.

Very truly yours,

1919 16th St.,
Washington,
July 4, 1908.

Dear Doctor Dwight:

You will remember that at the last meeting of the A.O.U. a resolution was passed authorizing me to engage the services of Prof. W.W.Cooke to revise the Distribution ranges of the new Check List, and setting aside a specified sum for payment of same.

Professor Cooke has completed the work and has handed me the revised and corrected copy. He has done a big job, looking up thousands of references, and is entitled to his pay. Will you kindly send him a check for the amount?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Dr Jonathan Dwight, Jr.
New York City.

1919 16th Street,
Washington.
July 4, 1908.

Mr Camillus G. Kidder,
27 William Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr Kidder:

Many thanks for your promptness in replying to my letter. I am very glad that you can sign for Mrs Kidder, and am sending you herewith by registered mail the document in question, which as you will see is for the purpose of reacquiring title to the remainder of the Hancock Circle property--3 lots on New Hampshire Avenue.

As you know, the management of the property has been in Mr Rathbun's hands for some years. He has been very busy with other matters, and not very well, and has allowed matters to drift. He now wishes me to take hold of it, and has asked Henshaw and myself to act as Trustees. So I have undertaken to get hold of the property as the first step, and have employed a lawyer (Paul Sieman) to draw up the enclosed paper and attend to the Court proceedings. Mrs Kidder's share in the costs he estimates at about \$25.

After we have regained title I trust that we shall be able to sell the property and close up the business--though of course it is uncertain when we may receive a fair offer.

Very truly yours,

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.
July 8, 1908.

Francis G. Anthony, Esq.
Collector of Taxes,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose check for \$580.71 in payment of accompanying tax bill for Estate of F. H. Hoadley, and shall be obliged if you will kindly send receipt to above address.

I notice that this bill contains no description or designation of the property. Is this the practice in New Haven? How does a tax payer know whether or not he is paying on the right piece of property?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
Executor & Trustee, Hoadley Est.

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
July 8, 1908.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
1323 North Monroe St.
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Miss Bradley:

Your letter of the 2d inst came duly, and since I have received enough collections to cover your next quarterly payment (due about the middle of this month) I am sending you my check for the amount now. (\$300)

You may be interested to know that since I wrote you last the Kimberlys objected to the account and asked for the appointment of another executor for the Hoadley Estate, to be a resident of New Haven. So I had to go to New Haven twice to the Probate Court.

A short time ago the Court returned its decision, approving the account and dismissing the appeal for another executor.

It certainly seems too bad that the Kimberlys should continue to waste the Estate by these costly law suits.

Enclosed is a receipt, which please sign and return.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
Executor and Trustee, Hoadley Estate

Peoria, Illinois,
July 15, 1908.

Received of C. Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee, Estate of F. H. Hoadley deceased, the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300), in payment of my quarterly annuity for second quarter, 1908.

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
July 8, 1908.

Mr Camillus G. Kidder,
27 William Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr Kidder:

Many thanks for your promptness in returning the bill in equity in the matter of the Hancock Circle property, and for the accompanying check of \$25.00, which I have credited to Mrs. Kidder's account.

Trusting that this may serve as the first step toward unloading the property,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
July 8, 1908.

City Treasurer,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me City tax bills for the three following pieces of unimproved real estate on South side of Ferry Street between Fillmore Avenue and Kehr Street--in Block 52.
Estate of Caroline H. Merriam

Front	Deep	
$55\frac{2}{3}$	366	$1272\frac{1}{2}$ feet East of Fillmore Ave.
$166\frac{1}{2}$	366	" "
$218\frac{2}{3}$	366	$1053\frac{1}{2}$ " "

C. Hart Merriam

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C
July 9, 1908.

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Pickett:

Your checks for \$150 and \$400 on account of collections for Hoadley Estate received, making in all \$1000 received by me to date on this year's account.

I assume that you have paid Heli his July annuity and have collected the July store rent, leaving a balance of \$321.29 in your hands to the credit of the Estate.

I shall be obliged if you will pay the Probate Court charges and send me receipt and balance. By the way, I have never received the receipt I sent you for your signature some months ago, covering certain expenses incurred by you last year. Please send.

You say in your last letter that the usual charge for collecting rents and income in New Haven is 3%. When in New Haven I made inquiry as to this and was told that the usual rate was 3% --as it is here.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

MEANING OF THE SPANISH WORD GAVILAN.

In a recent translation of a Spanish manuscript in the Bancroft Library of the University of California, entitled A Mission Record of the California Indians, by Dr. A. L. Kroeber, the following sentence occurs (p. 4): "They have a great desire to assemble at a ceremony regarding a bird called vulture (gavilan)." And in a footnote it is stated that the bird "is more probably the eagle than the California Condor, which the word gavilan properly indicates."

As a matter of fact the word gavilan means neither eagle nor vulture, but among Spanish and Spanish-Mexican people is the ordinary common everyday word for hawk. In the same language eagle is aguila (pronounced ag-il-lah), but the California condor has no name (because it does not inhabit either Spain or Mexico) although the Spanish-speaking people of Southern California usually call it vultur, or vultur grande.

There is no doubt however that several of the early Mission Padres failed to distinguish the eagle from the large hawks and used the name gavilan indiscriminately for both; hence Dr. Kroeber is entirely right in assuming that the ceremonial bird of the Mission

1/ Univ. Calif. Pubs: Am. Arch. & Eth. vol. 8, No. 1, May 1908.

Indians of Southern California is the eagle. It is the Golden Eagle (Aquila elysæticus).

In another place in the same article (p. 7, footnote) Dr. Kroeber states: "Boscana, however, describes the bird as much resembling the common buzzard, but larger, which clearly makes it the Condor". This seemingly natural inference is entirely erroneous. Buzzards are large ^{hawks} ~~vultures~~ and the bird we in America call 'turkey-buzzard' is not a buzzard at all, but a vulture. Boscana's "common buzzard" is a large hawk closely related to our red-tail, and the bird he described as "much resembling the common buzzard, but larger" was of course the Golden Eagle. Had he meant the turkey buzzard he would have used the Spanish-Mexican word gura (pronounced ow-rah), which is the name by which the turkey buzzard is known among the Spanish-speaking people of California.

C. Hart Merriam -

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.
July 27, 1908.

My dear Mr Bristol:

As the 30 days have now passed and I have not heard from you, I assume that the Kimberlys concluded not to appeal, and that the matter is settled.

Will you kindly prepare the paper necessary for the winding up of that Bond, and see if the Kimberly children and Mrs K. will sign it. Then Mrs Townsend and I can sign and the thing can be closed --at least I hope so.

Also, please send your bill, so I can pay it as soon as income enough comes in.

With best wishes, very truly yours,

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

1919 16th St., Washington,
August 1, 1908.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Bristol:

Thanks for your letter of July 29, with accompanying bill for \$252.28 for legal services. My check for this amount is enclosed herewith. I shall be glad to know about the bond later.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation of the way you handled the case.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hoadley

Exec. & Trustee, Estate of F.H.Hoadley

1919 16th St., Washington,
August 1, 1908.

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Pickett:

Yours of July 28, enclosing check for \$247.69 on account of collections, received, and also your last year's receipts, and the receipt for Probate Court expenses in connection with the recent hearings, for all of which I am obliged.

I agree to your suggestion of \$150 for your services as Agent of Hoadley Estate for the present year, and enclose herewith check for \$75 in payt. for first half of year.

I have just sent Mr Bristol check for \$252.28 in payt of bill for legal services in recent litigation, and have of course paid Maria Bradley's July annuity.

Thus far we have had to pay out nearly everything received, but from now on to the close of the year I trust we may accumulate income and let it draw interest. With this object in view, I shall be obliged if you will send me each month the Chapel Street store rent, after deducting Felt's annuity.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hoadley

Do you expect to do anything more about the Lee Insurance, or do you regard it as hopeless?

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.
August 16, 1908.

Doubleday, Page and Company,
Publishers, New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am sending you by express, prepaid, the manuscript and illustrations of a book of California Indian stories entitled, Strange Tales of the Dawn of the World (with a few additional provisional titles as suggestions), and shall be glad to know whether or not you wish to consider the publication of the same.

In case you read the stories, please first read the first five or six pages of the Introduction, in order to get the point of view necessary for a clear understanding of the myths.

The accompanying map showing the distribution of the tribes who told me these stories may be reduced to go as a text cut in the Introduction (it comes on page 12 of the MS). I can furnish better copy for reproduction.

Of the illustrations, there are ten paintings by Deming and two by Hittell--all made expressly for these stories. Photographs of the paintings, with the legends on their backs, are in a small envelope with the manuscript. Most of them, as you will observe, are so inferior to the originals that the latter should be used direct for the reproductions.

In the same envelope with the photos of the paintings are a few photographs of places mentioned in the tales. I have put them in as possible text cuts, although there may be a question as to the desirability of using photographs at all in a book of this kind, as

DP&Co

as they tend to awaken the reader from the mystic atmosphere of the stories--with which most of the paintings are in harmony.

Much additional illustrative material remains in the tales, and I should be glad to have a few more drawings made, but it is very difficult to get an artist, at a distance, to bring out the points properly--at least as I see them.

In case you do not care for the book, please return to me by express, charges collect, addressed to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

All of the material in this book is original and obtained by me direct from the Indians. None of it has been published.

1919 16th Street

Washington.

Aug. 18, 1908.

Mr. C.E. Pickett,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Your letter without date enclosing check for \$200 on account of collections for the Hoadley Estate received today, and check deposited, for which I am obliged.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Hoadley

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Sept. 13, 1908.

Mr Henry W. Lanier,
Doubleday, Page & Co.

My dear Mr Lanier:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 9th inst, which came yesterday, along with the returned Indian stories and illustrations.

I am not at all surprised at your decision, as I know that books of this kind have only a limited sale.

But what you say about a book for children interests me particularly, for ever since I began to collect these Indian stories I have been impressed by what seemed to me the availability of some of them for children's use. Besides, I have often told them at gatherings of young people, who have uniformly received them with enthusiasm. But my idea was a little different from yours. I wanted first to publish the actual myths as told by the Indians, to put the matter on record and secure copyright. I then intended to work up the best stories for children with a view to their publication separately, in small books in big type, with lots of telling illustrations.

The present book comprises only the myths of a single stock. I have plenty of others --equally good, some better--from other sets of tribes.

To my barbaric mind many of these stories are equal to those of Grimm, and as good as the average in Arabian Nights.

Very truly yours,

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1919 16th Street, Washington
September 13, 1908.

Mr Henry Holt,
Henry Holt and Co.,
New York City.

My dear Mr Holt:

You like surprises, so I'm sending you one by express. I have called it MYSTERIES OF THE FOREWORLD--but this may be improved.

This line of goods, so far as I am aware, is not of your seeking, but I am sending it at a venture and if not wanted it can be promptly returned.

In case you are in the mood for reading some Indian views of the Universe, please first read the first five or six pages of the Introduction, in order to get the point of view necessary for a clear understanding of the myths.

With the manuscript are twelve paintings--10 by Deming and 2 by Hittell--all made expressly for these stories. Photographs of the paintings, with the legends on their backs, are in a small envelope with the manuscript. Most of them, as you will see, are much inferior to the originals. In the envelope with these photographs are a few others, of places mentioned in the text. But there is a serious question as to the desirability of using photographs at all in a book of this kind, as they tend to awaken the reader from the mystic atmosphere of the tales--an atmosphere with which most of the paintings are in harmony.

The stories abound in illustrative material and I shall be glad to have a few more paintings made.

If, as I strongly suspect, you do not care for the book, kindly return to me by express, charges collect, addressed to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

COSTUMES OF A CALIFORNIA INDIAN CEREMONY

By C. Hart Merriam

The ceremonies and dance costumes of the Pueblo Indians of Arizona and New Mexico have attracted wide attention, but it is not commonly known that in California some of the tribes have ceremonial practices of almost equal interest and costumes that are even more elaborate and strange.

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The ceremonies began at noon on Saturday and continued with brief intermissions until nearly daybreak on Monday. They were held in the tribal roundhouse, a circular domed structure covered with brush and earth, with the floor sunk four feet below the surface-level and with two low elongate entrances--a front entrance looking east and a rear one looking west. Fronting each entrance was a pole bearing a white flag marked by seven vertical bars in red. There were no windows, the only opening in the domed roof being the smoke-hole, which during the greater part of the day let a slanting belt of sunshine into the dark interior. At night the only source of light was the fire, which cast a flickering glow over the performers as they moved around it, in the inner circle. The dark outer circle was occupied by the swarthy onlookers, who sat or reclined on a carpet of fresh green willow boughs. Here the chief made room for

my wife and me, between himself and the widow of the chief of a neighboring tribe, and here we were permitted to remain until the end of the ceremonies.

We had only just arrived and had not yet finished attending to our horses when the performance began. A wave of excitement swept over the audience as the head dancer--a lithe, agile man, with muscles of iron and the grace and alertness of a panther--sprang suddenly out of the bushes, followed by the flag dancer, and entered the dark roundhouse by the low east entrance, when they began a series of rapid movements within the cleanly swept and sprinkled inner space, beating time by striking the ground vigorously with their bare feet and blowing low musical strains on their bone whistles, while the drummer pounded heavily on the big plank drum.

The head dancer had on his head a closely fitting skullcap of white down, a waving frontal band of red flicker feathers, three snow-white feather tridents and an occipital piece of black feathers, while dangling against his dark skin, sometimes on the breast, sometimes between the shoulders, were two wing feathers of the broad-winged hawk. A richly colored feather belt encircled his waist, overlapping the red breechcloth and supporting behind, the entire skin of a gray fox. In his right hand he carried a red fox quiver, in his left a strung bow and two loose arrows. The flag dancer was clad in a tunic of white, ornamented by vertical chains of diamond shaped markings in greenish blue and held in around the waist by a broad feather belt of woodpecker heads alternating with feather squares. His headdress bristled with plume-bearing rods, from which red flicker ribbons trailed down his back; and he carried in each hand a white flag marked with the

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sacred emblems.

Shortly after the first performance was over, another began, and when it was done, another, and so on, with intervals varying from half an hour to several hours. Each of the four participating tribes had its own actors, who completed its set of dances before the next in turn began. In most cases three or four persons took part in a performance, but the wild war dance was given by only two, and a singularly slow and quiet dance by one man alone.

When ready for each new ceremony the actors assembled about the east flagpole, whence at a signal from inside they ran through the low entrance and formed on the north side of the inner space, blowing the bone whistles and beating time by striking the ground vigorously with their bare feet as the first performers had done, and in addition shaking curious rattles and vibrating clappersticks of the sacred elderberry wood, while the singers sang strange songs to the accompaniment of the drum. The bone whistles made of slender hollow bones of the wild goose and golden eagle, were carried in the mouth and blown gently, producing a chorus of harmonious and pleasing sounds. The time and rhythm of the dancing were perfect; the singing weird and full of melody.

At intervals the old chief of a distant tribe mounted the low roof of the long east entrance and sang a solemn chant, accompanied by the measured swaying of a pair of feather-covered double-headed rattles, held one in each hand. While shaking his wrists to vibrate the rattles he raised his arms slowly above his head, brought them in against the sides of his chest, thrust them horizontally forward to full length, and carried them down along his

thighs. At break of day he sang his chant to the rising sun, then turned and harangued the people in the roundhouse. Before descending he again faced the sun, now risen above the eastern hills, and sang another chant, with the rattle accompaniment as before.

The ceremonies in the roundhouse consisted largely in what, for lack of a better name, we call dancing; but it should be borne in mind that while our dances are for amusement, those of the Indians are of a religious character and are enacted with the utmost seriousness.

Most of the dancers were naked except for breechcloth, feather belt, and headdress, although a few had on skirts or aprons, and the flag dancer and one other wore robes that completely covered their bodies. Each of the participating tribes had its own set of costumes differing materially from those of the other tribes. These costumes consisted chiefly of feathers, wrought with surprising ingenuity into aprons, back-pieces, girdles, belts, wristlets, collars, headbands, and headdresses. The headdresses, like the hats of some of our women, were truly marvelous creations some indeed actually startling--as will be seen from the pictures.

The feather belts, six or eight inches in width and of varied patterns, were worked in brilliant colors--red from the crown of the California woodpecker, yellow from the breast of the meadow-lark, blue from the back of the California bluejay, and green from the neck of the mallard duck. Some were made of skins of heads of the California woodpecker, sewed on in squares, but most of the were of closely woven fibers of milkweed or Indian hemp with the individual feathers tightly bound in, leaving the colored tips

projecting as in the well-known feather baskets.

A number of men wore splendid broad red ribbons made of the glistening quills of the California red-shafted flicker, bordered on both sides by projecting tips of the pointed black tail feathers, as shown in the photographs. These feather ribbons are in themselves exceedingly beautiful, and when waving in graceful undulating curves among the swiftly moving dancers produce truly gorgeous effects.

Three of the actors wore headdresses of surprising originality and extravagant proportions, consisting of a crown piece of white feathers stuck full of slender plume-bearing rods which stood out so far that the wearer could not pass through an ordinary doorway.

One of the most striking figures was that of a little man clad in an aboriginal skirt made entirely of strips of the soft wavy inner bark of the California tree maple, the dangling strands of which, rubbing together as he moved, made a low swishing sound.

Perhaps the most fantastic of all the costumes was that of Sahte, a mythical Deity who became the evil one and finally was banished from the country. Sahte had on a short yellow skirt with two red bands at the bottom, a broad feather belt, a white collar of snow goose feathers, four red ribbons of flicker quills, a curious bonnet turned down at the sides and surmounted behind by a huge fan-shaped framework of slender salmon-pink rods, each of the twelve diverging rays of which carried a similarly colored goose feather. The side hair fell in long locks over his otherwise naked breast, while thrust horizontally through the coiled back hair was a straight stick about fourteen inches in length--the

most ancient style of hairpin known to the Indians of California. In the long, long ago this magic hairstick, according to the creation myth, was used by Sahte to set the world on fire.

During the scene in which this evil genius figured, the head dancer again and again came close, as if drawn by some irresistible charm, gazed intently into Sahte's face, and then with dramatic effect shook his head, turned quickly about, and ran away. It is quite possible that this repeated gazing into Sahte's face was for the purpose of vanquishing him by mastery of the will for in many tribes the medicine men claim great power of this kind. Be this as it may, Sahte finally retreated, and with his departure the scene closed.

The women dancers did not appear till late the last night. They wore beautiful feather belts and superb headbands, and carried in their hands colored flags which they moved from side to side while swaying their bodies and beating time with their feet.

Throughout the ceremonies I was impressed by the intense earnestness of the actors, who strained every nerve to play their parts without slip of omission or commission, and who seemed to gain inspiration from the appreciative enthusiasm of the audience.

To be given a place among the eager Indian onlookers in the dark outer circle of the roundhouse, listening to a symphony of strange and weird music--a blending of the measured beating of the drum, the rhythmic stamping of the feet, the tuneful play of the bone whistles, and the rich melody of voices trained to songs foreign to our ears--while the ancient ceremonies were being enacted

only a few feet away by fantastically attired performers, intermittently illumined by the fitful glow of the fire, was indeed a rare privilege and one that is daily growing rarer, for in the very near future these aboriginal observances will have passed away forever.

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Sept. 28, 1908.

My dear Mr. Holt:

Yours of the 21st came several days ago, but until this evening I have been too busy to reply.

The only lists I think of off hand, in addition to those you mention, are those of the American Anthropological Association and the American Folk-Lore Society with its 9 local and State branches.

I fully realize that the number of persons in this country who are interested in Ethnological subjects is hardly large enough to warrant the publication of an expensive book in this field, although I believe Grinnell's books have at least paid for themselves. But I have rather hoped that the novelty of the stories might appeal to many people who are not ethnologists and have no particular interest in science. However, I may be wrong in this and shall not feel in the least surprised if you return the book as too risky.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Mr Henry Holt,

34 West 33d Street,
New York City.

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 4, 1908.

Dear Dr. Kroeber:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter about the use of the name Gavilan. The pressure of official work that has kept me here all summer has also put me far behind in my personal correspondence.

In speaking of the bird used in the Eagle Ceremony you say that you "have for some time been convinced that the Indians would, either from choice or necessity, use also the condor and perhaps large hawks."

In this opinion I cannot agree with you, and for three reasons:

1. Indians everywhere, so far as I know them, are most punctilious in the use of the proper ceremonial animal or thing, and unwilling to accept substitutes.
2. During the several years in which I have worked in Southern California, all the Luiseno and Diegueño Indians with whom I have talked on the subject agree that the Golden Eagle and no other bird is used in the Eagle Ceremony.
3. The Luiseno, Diegueño, and other Southern California tribes have distinctive names for the Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Condor, Turkey-Buzzard, Raven, the large 'buzzard' hawks, and so on, and never confuse one with another.

As to Boscano: In view of the date at which he wrote, and the additional fact that he was a Spaniard, it seems perfectly certain that he must have been wholly unfamiliar with the English name Turkey Buzzard; and that his translator was entirely correct in using the word 'buzzard' for the larger hawks.

Dr A.L. Kroeber,
Affiliated Colleges,
San Francisco, Calif.

Very truly yours,

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington.
Oct. 3, 1908.

Mr S.M.M. Smith,
Clerk of Board of Assessors,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Your notification that the valuation of the property #798 Chapel Street, belonging to the Estate of F.H. Hoadley, deceased, has been increased by \$300. per foot has been received.

I wish to protest against the great amount of this increase, as disproportionate to valuations of neighboring properties, and disproportionate in view of the character of the building and the present sale value of the property.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Executor and Trustee

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington.
Oct. 3, 1908.

Dear Mr Pickett:

I have received from the Board of Assessors of New Haven, a notification of increase in valuation of the property #798 Chapel Street of \$300 per foot, and have in reply protested against the amount of the increase as excessive.

Will you not also see if you can aid in getting the increase cut down to what may be considered a reasonable amount?

Very truly yours,

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.
Oct. 10, 1908

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for yours of the 7th inst. with enclosure of check for
\$200 on account of rent of Chapel Street store, Hoadley Estate.

From what you say about the increased valuation I infer that
you have not much hope that our protest will amount to anything.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 15, 1908

Miss Maria H Bradley,

110 High Street, Peoria, Ill.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Thanks for your letter of the 2d inst. giving me your present address. I have been so pressed with office work that I have not been able to get away and have spent the entire summer here in Washington.

I am enclosing herewith check for \$300 in payment of your quarterly annuity for the third quarter, 1908 and trust the same will reach you promptly.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Hoadley
Executor & Trustee, Hoadley Estate.

1119-1624, Washington
Oct. 22, 1909

Dear Mr. Brewster:

I enclose a brief
note on the migration, which
you may use to fill in the
book. It is not exactly correct,
but it is a good address.

Very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Brewster

Columbia University

New York City

I enclose a photograph of the bird
which you saw, and which I
saw in a field - can

TRANSMIGRATION IN CALIFORNIA

By C. Hart Merriam

Among the Indians of California belief in transmigration is wide-spread. Most of the tribes say that the mythological beings whom they uniformly call The First People became animals or other natural objects before real people were created. The belief that existing people, after death, enter, or are transformed into animals, is less common. At the same time most of the Sierra tribes and some of those in Southern California hold that a large owl (usually the Great Horned Owl) makes a practice of capturing the ghosts of the departed. This belief I have encountered from the No-to-koi-yo or Northeastern Midoo southward to the Tejon and even to the Tongva of San Gabriel.

I was once asked by a Northern Mewuk if I had ever seen the broad belt of bony plates which surrounds the eyeball of the Great Horned Owl. On replying that I had, I was assured that these closely imbricating plates are the "finger nails all jammed tight together of the ghosts caught by the owl."

The Northern Mewuk believe that the ghosts of good Indians turn at once into Too-koo-le the Great Horned Owl and remain this bird forever after; but that bad Indians turn into Et-tā-le the Barn Owl, Yu-kal-loo the Meadowlark, O-lā-choo the Coyote, or Choo-moo-yah the Gray Fox. Whatever mammal or bird an Indian becomes after death he continues to be forever--there is no change after that.

The Pā-we-nan or Southwestern Midoo say that when a person dies his gos or spirit goes out and may go into any one of a number of animals or things. It may turn into an Owl or a Coyote, a Snake or a Lizard; it may become a whirlwind, or it may go into the ground and become earth; sometimes, but rarely, it goes off to a good place.

Among the Southern Mewuk the old people say that if a person dies without a hole in the septum of the nose, he will turn into a fish. In this tribe it was formerly the practice of both men and women to bore the nose for the insertion of the kun-no-wah--a rod of white stone or shell called pil-lek.

The Northern Mewuk also say that whirlwinds and dust whirls are ghosts dancing swiftly round and round, and warn people to keep out of their way.

TOTEMISM IN CALIFORNIA

By C. Hart Merriam

That totemism exists among the Indians of California seems to have escaped the notice of ethnologists. This may be due to the less conspicuous part it plays in the lives of the people compared with its high development in some other regions, notably Alaska and British Columbia. Nevertheless totemism not only exists in California, but is rather widely prevalent; it is present in many tribes--tribes distributed among widely different stocks; and, when one comes to understand something of the inner life of the people, it is found to be as deeply rooted, and in some cases as important, as in other regions.

It is not my object to discuss the subject totemism, but to record the widespread prevalence among California Indians, of certain totemic beliefs and practices which, so far as I am aware, have not been previously observed. And it is interesting to note that of the several degrees and phases of totemism, at least three occur in California, namely: (1) The non-hereditary Individual Totem; (2) the hereditary Patriarchal Totem; and (3) the hereditary Matriarchal Clan Totem.

I am aware that some ethnologists would restrict the use of the term totemism to the class of cases ordinarily known as Clan Totemism; but Clan Totemism is so obviously only a higher degree or development of Personal Totemism that such restriction would seem hardly to serve a useful purpose.

In California the totem is always an object in nature--usually an animal, but sometimes a tree or a rock.

Among the several tribes of Mewan stock totemism forms a fundamental part of the religion, and throughout life is a controlling factor.

Read before a joint meeting of the Anthropological Section of the Am. Assoc. Adv. Sci.; the Am. Anthropological Assoc.; and the Am. Folk-Lore Society, in New York City, Dec. 27, 1906; and briefly noticed in the American Anthropologist, vol. 9, p. 168, Jan.-March, 1907.

in the conduct of the people. The form it takes varies greatly. Thus among the Southern Mewuk(Mewwah) it governs marriage and the choice of partners in games, and also determines the placing and treatment of visitors; while among the Northern Mewuk, where its power over the individual is even more marked, no such social restrictions exist.

In the Middle and Southern Mewuk the totem is hereditary and passes from father to child; the mother's totem is not carried down. If the father is a Deer, all the children--boys and girls alike--are Deer.

In the Northern Mewuk on the other hand the totem is individual, not hereditary. The father may be a Bear, the son a Gray tree-squirrel, the Grandson a Lizard, the aunt a Yellowjacket wasp. In reply to inquiries as to how one finds out what his totem is, I was told that a young person, on reaching the age of puberty, goes off alone in the forest and wanders for days without food--save such green stuff and roots as he may gather and eat raw. He wanders hang-e-lah (like a lost man) for a period which may last for two weeks. After a time, when asleep, he sees the animal he came from; it or its spirit comes to him and brings him food. After this he goes home but says nothing about what has happened. If on the first or second night it again appears and brings him food, he lives, and and throughout life it befriends him; but if it does not come to him and he eats cooked food, he dies.

In this tribe--the Northern Mewuk--the totem may be an animal, a tree, or a rock. The commonest animal totems are the Bear, Deer, Raccoon, Gray tree-squirrel, Golden Eagle, Lizard, and Yellowjacket wasp. Certain animals are never totems. Conspicuous among these are the Coyote and Fox. The only tree totem is the Black Oak.

My list of Northern Mewuk totems is only fragmentary and does not include the Great Horned Owl; but a member of the tribe once told me a story which at least implies that this owl is one of them. He said: "One winter a few years ago a sick man near Oleta was on his way home when he fell and could not get up. He lay there on the ground all night. It was a cold winter night and he would have frozen to death, but Too-koo-le the big Owl saw him and came and lay down on his breast and spread his wings over him and stayed there all night, keeping the man's wuake(heart) warm and saving his life."

Among the southern Mewuk(the Chowchilla Mewwah) the totem may be either an animal or a tree, but never a rock. If a tree, it must

be either the Black Oak or the Sugar Pine, as these are the only trees from which people ever came. The most usual totems are: the Grizzly Bear (but no other bear), Coyote, Deer, Gray tree-squirrel, Bat, a considerable number of birds, the small lizards, the Frog, the water Salamander, the Salmon, and the Yellowjacket Wasp. These people say they never came from the Elk, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, Bobcat, Raccoon, Big Wolf, Fox, Badger, Otter, Skunk, Marten, Ring-tail Civet (*Bassariscus*), Porcupine, Groundhog, Ground Squirrel, Chipmunk, Rabbits, Rats, Mice, Gopher, Mole, certain birds, Snakes, the larger Lizards, the Toad, Fish (except the Salmon, or insects (except the Yellowjacket wasp).

Among the Middle and Southern Mewuk the people group themselves in two great classes or 'sides'--the Land Side and the Water Side--^{respectively} usually designated by the names of characteristic land and water animals. Thus among the Middle Mewuk, Oo-yah the Deer stands for the people of the Land Side; Lo-tah the Frog for those of the Water Side. Similarly, among the Southern Mewuk, Ti-es-moo the California Bluejay stands for the Land Side, and O-sä-le the Coyote for the Water Side. Even today, in some parts of the Southern Mewuk territory, the first question a strange Indian (speaking the same language) is asked, is, "Man-nan-ne Ti-es-moo, O-sä-le? (Who are you, Bluejay or Coyote?). His reply determines the place assigned him and his subsequent relations and treatment. In love affairs and marriage, and also in games, the partners must belong to opposite sides. The Northern Mewuk do not have this custom, but use the direct terms, Kik-ku-mud-de, water side, and Wal-le-mud-de, land side.

That the Coyote, a land animal, should have been chosen to represent the Water Side seems strange at first, but is understood when the totemic or mythology of the tribe is known, for in the beginning Coyote-man came out of, or from beyond, the sea. This aquatic assignment of Coyote does not affect his near relatives the Dog and Fox, both of whom are classed on the Land Side.

The three tribes of Mewan stock living north of San Francisco Bay are ardent totemists, but the full details of their beliefs are not known. The O-lä-yo-me of Coyote Valley on Putah Creek say that they came from the Bear, Deer, Coyote, Gray tree-squirrel, Ground Squirrel, Owls and a few other birds, but not from the Raccoon, Fox, Duck Hawk, Crow, Bluejay, Meadowlark, or Woodpecker. Their totem is hereditary on the fathers side, and appears to be called O-ke-ap-po.

The Hoo-koo-e-ko of the coast region immediately north of San Francisco Bay, and the Olamentko of Bodega Bay, say that every person was once a bird, and that they came from Owls, Eagles, Hawks, Quails, Ducks (the Mallard in particular), Bluejays, Woodpeckers, and some other kinds. But no Hoo-koo-eko or Olamentko ever came from any mammal. This is a highly important feature in which the two coast tribes agree among themselves and differ from the related Olä-yo-me of Coyote Valley.

The tribes of Midoo stock also came from animals. The No-to-koi-yo or Northeastern Midoo state that they came from various birds and mammals; and the Pā-we-nan or Southwestern Midoo have the same belief. These people, the Pā-we-nan, appear to call their totems Kaht-dik-kah. They are the Deer, Antelope, Wolf, Coyote, Fox, Mountain Lion, Raccoon, Skunk, Beaver, Rabbits (3 kinds--Jackrabbits, Cottontails, and Brush Rabbits), Ground Squirrel, Gopher, White-footed Mouse, Bald Eagle, the large buzzard hawks of the genus *Buteo*, the Duckhawk, Condor, Turkey Buzzard, Great Horned Owl, Raven, Crow, Valley Quail, California Bluejay, Meadowlark, Flicker, Blackbird, Pelican, Cormorant, White Goose, Swan, Great Blue Heron, Kildee, Lizard, and Salmon. The Pā-we-nan did not come from Elk, Bears, Wild Cat, Badger, Otter (here is doubt about the Otter), Gray Tree-squirrel

squirrel, Wood Rat, Ducks, Divers (Grebes), Gulls, Mudhen, Sandhill Crane, Gray Goose, Canada Goose, Barn Owl, Ground or Burrowing Owl, Pigeon, Dove, Roadrunner, Kingfisher, Magpie, California Woodpecker, Robin, Swallow, Hummingbird, Turtle, Frog, Snakes, Sturgeon, or Sucker; neither did any of them come from insects or trees.

It is interesting to note that with the Pá-we-nan, as with the Southern Mewuk already mentioned, the totem is hereditary and descends from father to children of both sexes.

Passing south to the Yokut stock of the Southern Sierra foothills, totemism is found to be present in some and probably all of the tribes. In the Kosh-sho-o tribe of Table Mountain, on the south side of the San Joaquin River, it is more highly developed than noted elsewhere. An old woman of this tribe told me that Yi-yil the Falcon was her family or clan totem--the totem of her mother and her mother's mother and so on back, for in this tribe mother right prevails and the line of descent carries the mother's totem instead of the father's. This woman showed me two baskets, made by her mother and grand mother, on which the clan totem, Yi-yil, is represented by a symbol consisting of two parallel oblique bars, which stand for the two dark bars on the side of the Falcon's head. In the oldest basket, a small low bowl, slightly choke-mouthed, this symbol is the dominant design and is repeated in two circles around the circumference. The basket was by far the most precious one remaining in the tribe, and when brought from its hiding place was full of large stone beads and long cylinders of the old-time shell wampum. The owner told me that in making ready for dances and other ceremonies the women of her clan used to paint the Yi-yil bars on their cheeks.

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.
Nov. 9, 1908.

Mr Egbert Bagg,
Utica, New York.

Dear Mr. Bagg:

On returning from a hasty trip to Montana I find the Insurance Policies on my house, renewing same for three years, for which I am very much obliged.

Enclosed is my check for \$25 in payment of same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 10, 1908.

Dr. J. S. Billings,
425 Lafayette Street,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Billings:

On returning from Montana I find your letter of the 5th instant calling a meeting of the Committee on Nominations in Anthropology of the National Academy of Sciences for Wednesday the 18th instant. I quite agree with you as to the desirability of such a meeting and very much regret that I am obliged to be away at that time and so shall not be able to attend the meeting.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

T

November 10, 1908.

Mr. Harry V. Radford,
North Creek, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Radford:

On returning from the new Buffalo Range in Montana I find your letter of October 26 and the handsomely bound copy of your papers on the Adirondack Beaver and the Artificial Preservation of Timber awaiting attention. I am very glad to have these papers, particularly the one on the Beaver, and shall read it with much interest.

I assume that the fact that your separates of these papers are printed on tombstones instead of paper is to be taken as indicating that the book is to stand as your monument.

In reply to your inquiry, would say that it is highly probable that either the Biological Survey or the National Museum would be glad to get skulls of the Wood Buffalo should you be so fortunate as to secure a specimen or two.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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November 10, 1908.

Mr. Ernest T. Seton,
Cos Cob, Conn.

Dear Seton:

On returning from western Montana I find your very cordial invitation to visit you on the way to the Boston meeting of the A. O. U. I shall be exceedingly glad to do this if my Doctor will allow me to leave here in time. I am being treated for a sore throat and general cold, but am better today and hope to be much better before the end of the week. Will write you again as soon as I know definitely. Meanwhile I am grateful for your kind invitation which I hope to accept. It is doubtful if any others will be able to go with me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Henshaw

T

1919 16th Street, Washington
November 13, 1908.

Sleman and Lerch,
Colorado Bldg.,
Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday enclosing corrected Certificate from Justice Barnard, naming H.W.Henshaw and myself as Trustees for the Hancock Circle Syndicate. This is correct and I am obliged for your trouble in the matter. I am obliged also for the satisfactory manner in which you have handled the case.

Mr Henshaw has already sent you the balance of your bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Henshaw

1919 16th Street, Washington.

November 14, 1908.

Mr George C. Jordan, Mgr.,
Equitable Life Assurance Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst is at hand, telling me that my note for \$326.60, with a credit of \$125, will be due on the 21st inst at the National Metropolitan Bank.

I am just leaving for Boston to attend the annual convention of American Ornithologists, but expect to be back on the 21st and to pay on that date either the whole or the major part of the note. If not able to pay it all on that date, I shall take advantage of your kind offer of extension for 30 days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

*On Nov. 21, 1908
Pd. \$177.60 on acct
leaving bal. 50. for wh
I gave up note 30 days
C. H. M.*

November 24, 1908.

Dr. C. A. Schenck,
Director, Biltmore Forest School,
Biltmore, N.C.

My dear Doctor Schenck:

On returning to office after a trip to Montana and Massachusetts I find your polite and very enticing invitation of the 18th instant to take part in the Biltmore celebration, beginning day after tomorrow. This invitation pulls harder on my vitals than anything I have seen in a long time, and it is only with the greatest reluctance that I am forced by reason of pressure of work here to decline.

With sincerest regards and many thanks for remembering me,

Very truly yours,
E. H. Henshaw

T

November 24, 1908.

Mr. Rufus L. Jennings.
Chairman, California Promotion Committee,
California Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant has been forwarded to me from 1812 Gough Street. I wrote you more than a year ago asking to have my address changed to Biological Survey, Washington, D.C., but since then have not received any literature from you, and as the circulars you have sent to 1812 Gough Street have not been forwarded I am in ignorance of what has been going on. I should be obliged if you would kindly send in future such publications as you have for general distribution to me addressed at Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Kindly send a copy of your Topographical Map of California 1907 for which the amount, 10 cents, is inclosed in stamps.

Respectfully,
E. H. Henshaw

Chief, Biological Survey.

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1919 16th St., Washington

Nov. 24, 1908.

Mr James E. Albinson,

1802 14th St.

Dear Sir:

I hereby accept your proposition of the 17th inst to furnish and install an 80 gallon galvanized boiler with necessary piping, coil, and stand; to put coil in furnace and connect up so the boiler can be used and heated from the furnace in winter, and the present Gas Heater used in summer, the same to cost \$59.65--it being understood that the boiler shall be the heavy galvanized grade, not the light.

Respectfully,

E. Hart Harrison

1911-11th, Washington
Nov. 24, 1911.

Dear Mr. Cady
Albion, Calif.

My dear Sir:

I have accepted my last chance for
the office of your assistant. I have
in some degree known the value
of a paper which I had written, and which
will come out originally with me.
I feel it a valuable contribution to the
as well as to the study of history.

I am sending you an article of
my paper in which you may find
some of the points.

Yours very truly
C. M. Cady.

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Nov. 25, 1908.

Mr Camillus G. Kidder,
27 William St, New York.

My dear Mr Kidder:

ON July 7 last you kindly sent me in advance \$25, the estimated cost of Mrs Anne M. M. Kidder's share in the reacquirement of title to the Hancock Circle property.

We have now completed the transaction and have a clean title. The expense was less than expected, being \$77.58, of which Mrs Kidder's share is \$20.06. I therefore return herewith the overpayment of \$4.94, and also enclose receipt.

On the 12th inst the Court appointed Henry W. Henshaw and myself Trustees.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Henshaw

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 1, 1908.

Mr Edward J. Wheeler,
Editor Current Literature.

Dear Sir:

May I, as a subscriber to Current Literature, ask why you offend your naturalist readers by referring to Wm. J. Long as "the naturalist" (Dec. issue, p 644); and why you glorify this audacious faker by quoting his opinion on any subject?

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 1, 1908.

Mr Richard Rathbun,
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr Rathbun:

Thanks for the bundle of Hancock Circle Syndicate papers rec'd. this morning.

The tax receipts I shall file; most of the other papers I'll preserve in a plainly marked package so they may be extant should any of the Syndicate grandchildren feel inclined to investigate them.

In assuming the duties of Trustee for this property, I wish to thank you for the time and patience you have given it during so many years, and to express the hope that my period of servitude may not be so protracted.

Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 9, 1908.

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Your letter without date, enclosing check for \$200 on account of collection of rent on Chapel Street store, Estate of F.H.Hoadley, came today, along with the bill of \$40 from the American Surety Co. for , I assume, renewal of Executors Bond.

I thought you were going to prepare a paper for the signatures of Mrs Townsend, the Kimberlys, and myself asking the Probate Court for permission to have this bond discontinued, as per our conversation last spring--all concerned appearing to agree that the continuance of the bond simply means the throwing away of \$40 dollars of good money every year.

Will you not kindly attend to this at once so that the Estate may be saved this expense?

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hoadley

1919 Sixteenth Street
December 18, 1908.

My dear Mr Loeb:

Mrs Merriam and I shall be very glad
to accept the President's invitation for
lunch at the White House on Tuesday, January
19th, at 1:30 o'clock.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Merriam

Hon. Wm. Loeb, Jr.

Secretary to the President.

December 19, 1908.

Belvedere Hotel,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sirs:

I expect to be in Baltimore during the coming meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and shall be obliged if you will reserve a \$3 room for me, beginning on Monday the 28th inst.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dec. 19, 1908.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Bristol:

About ten days ago I wrote Mr Pickett with reference to the
Hoadley Estate ~~Bond~~ ^{Trust} which we wanted to have discontinued--it being
a seemingly useless expense of \$40 a year.

Mr Pickett replied that the matter is in your hands, and I now
remember writing you about it some months ago. If you have looked
the matter up I should be glad to know the result.

Very truly yours,

C. West Harrison

1919 16th Street, Washington
January 2, 1909.

Mr C.E.Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Pickett:

On returning to Washington today I find your letter of Dec. 26,
enclosing check for \$500 , the same being Hugo's semi-annual interest
on the Crown Street property mortgage, for which I am obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Eastman

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 9, 1909.

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for your dateless letter recd. this morning, containing
your check for \$200 on account of collection of rent of Chapel Street
store. I sincerely trust that no misfortune will befall the Company
to interfere with future payments.

Very truly yours,

C. Eastman

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 9, 1909.

Mr Francis G. Anthony,
Collector of Taxes,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have recently received a tax bill of \$702.10 on the store on Chapel Street belonging to the Estate of the late F.H. Hoadley, the value of which is given as \$47,600.

The valuation as given on the previous tax bill was \$39,370 and was increased by the new assessment by adding 300 per front foot.

The frontage being 19.30 feet, the additional valuation appears to be \$5,790, which added to the previous valuation of \$39,370 seems to give a total of \$45,160 instead of \$47,600 as on the new tax bill.

Kindly inform me if this is not correct.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Ex. and Trustee, Estate of F.H. Hoadley.

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.
Jan. 10, 1909.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Bristol:

Thanks for your letters of Dec. 21 and 22. Since you wrote them I have been out of town a week, and exceedingly busy preparing statements for Congress the rest of the time--hence please pardon my delay in replying.

As to the Hoadley Estate Bond: I am at a loss to understand what the Surety Co. has to do with it except to insure from year to year on the bases of the amount paid to them. If the beneficiaries of the Estate agree to abolish the Surety Bond, how can the Company have any voice in the matter?

You doubtless remember the point Kimberly's lawyer made of this matter last year, implying that the Kimberlys were anxious to get rid of the expense--and so far as I know, we are all of the same mind. Hence your second proposition seems to me to be just the thing.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 11, 1909.

County Treasurer,
Erie County, New York.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me County Tax bills for the three following described pieces of unimproved real estate on South side of Ferry Street, Buffalo, between Fillmore Avenue and Kahr Street--all in Block 52.

Property of C. Hart Merriam:

Front	Deep	Ft. East of Fillmore
218 ³⁷	366	105 ¹⁷

Property of Estate of Caroline H. Merriam:

55 ¹⁴	366	127 ²⁴
166 ¹⁴	366	720 ¹⁴

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 12, 1909.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
110 High Street,
Peoria, Ill.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Herewith I enclose check for \$300 in payment of your quarterly annuity for the last quarter of the year 1908. The balance due you for this year will be sent in March; when the annual account is filed. Kindly sign and return the accompanying receipt.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Ex. & Trustee, Estate of F.H.Hoadley.

Peoria, Illinois

Jan. 15, 1909.

Received of C.Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee of the Estate of F. H. Hoadley, deceased, the sum of three hundred dollars(\$300), the same being my quarterly annuity for the fourth quarter of 1908.

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 12, 1909.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Bristol:

Again our letters have crossed. As you doubtless infer from my last letter, I shall be glad if you will make application to the Court as you suggest, to have the bond in question either reduced to a nominal amount or done away with altogether, and take the steps necessary to accomplish the same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P.S. In filing the annual accounts of the Hoadley Estate it has been the custom to enter each year the old (1895) appraised valuation of the Chapel Street store--\$29,250. In 1907 the valuation was raised to \$39,370 and during the past summer it has ^{been} raised again by \$300 per front foot (against which I protested in vain). In view of all this, is it proper in the annual account to continue entering the old valuation, or should I enter the present assessed value?

C.H.M.

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 12, 1909.

Mr Timothy F. Callahan,
Chairman, Board of Assessors,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

In September last you notified me that the valuation on the property 798 Chapel Street, belonging to the Estate of F.H. Hoadley, deceased, had been raised by the addition of \$300 per front foot. The frontage being 19.30 feet, the additional valuation appears to be \$5,790, which, added to the previous valuation of \$39,370 seems to give a total of \$45,160.

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Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Exr. & Trustee, Estate of F.H. Hoadley

The parts to the north and east of the great California desert are occupied by a different division of the Oregon languages; a division as remarkable for the multiplicity of the dialects and languages which it embraces, as for the vast tract of country which it covers; a division, too, in which the distribution of its component parts is no less interesting than the magnitude of its area. The generic name which the present author has suggested for this division is Paduca--a term which, without professing to have any greater scientific accuracy than many others which can be proposed, is left to stand or fall simply on the score of convenience. It is the name given by the Pawnee Indians of the Nebraska territory to their western neighbors on the headwaters of the rivers Platte, Arkansas, and other tributaries of the Mississippi. It contains, amongst other groups, the important classes of the Comanche and the Shoshoni Indians.

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1919 16th Street, Washington -
January, 21, 1909.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Bristol:

In September last the New Haven Board of Assessors notified me of an increase of \$300 per foot in the valuation of the Hoadley Estate store property, 4798 Chapel Street, thus bringing the total valuation up from \$39,370 to \$45,100. On October 3 I wrote the Board of Assessors a formal protest against the excessive amount of the increase, and asked Pickett also to file a protest, which he did. No notice was taken of these protests--at least I received no reply.

When the Tax bill came, a couple of weeks ago, the valuation was given as \$47,600 and the tax \$702.10. I immediately wrote to Mr Anthony, Tax Collector, asking for an explanation. He replied, referring me to the Board of Assessors. I immediately (on Jan. 12) wrote Timothy F. Callahan, Chairman, Board of Assessors, explaining the situation and asking if some mistake had not been made. To this he replied that the amount was correct, and gave the following figures:

19 ² / ₁₀ ft a	\$2,000	\$38,600
Building		6,500
New store front	2,500	\$47,600

Inasmuch as the new front in question is only half of the structure, the other half belonging to the merged store next door, and inasmuch as it is for the benefit of the lessee and not the owner, and may be torn down or altered at the expiration of the lease, the charge appears to me unjust, and the new assessment highly excessive.

How does it strike you? and do you advise fighting it?

I have a letter from F.H. Brethauer, 153 Church St/asking me to put a price on the property. *Letter from F.H. Brethauer*

1919 18th Street, Washington
January, 21, 1909.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.
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1919 16th Street,

Washington, D. C.

Jan. 20, 1909.

Mr Frederic H. Brethauer,

153 Church St., New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst., inquiring about the store property #798 Chapel Street, would state that said property is leased for a term of years, so any sale would be subject to the terms of the lease. In other words, the property is not now offered for sale, but if you choose to submit an offer the same would be considered.

Respectfully,

E. H. Hoadly

Executor & Trustee, Estate of F.H. Hoadly

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.
Jan. 24, 1909.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Bristol:

Many thanks for your letter of the 22d, enclosing the new bond for \$200 which you succeeded in securing from the Probate Court.

I have signed the document, and am returning it to you herewith.

This is a most satisfactory outcome and I am greatly obliged for your services in the matter, and also for your kindness in becoming surety.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

January 24, 1909.

Paul Elder and Co.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

It occurs to me that San Francisco might be the proper place to publish a book of California Indian stories collected by myself during many years of field work in the State.

If you are interested I shall be glad to send you the MS and illustrations for examination.

For the present kindly consider the matter as confidential.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

January 25, 1909.

Charles K. Fankhauser, Esq.

27 William Street, New York.

Dear Sir:

Received your telegram about 3:30 this afternoon and wired you a few minutes later as follows: "Please purchase for me three hundred fifty shares Telegraphone at around two dollars". This will amount to about \$700 and I shall be ready to send you the same on receipt of word that you have secured the stock.

Shall be away from the city tomorrow but back the day after.

With thanks for your kindness in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1909.

Mr Charles K. Fankhauser,
27 William Street, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

On returning late this evening I find your letters of the 25th and 26th, and hasten to send you my check for \$800 for the purchase of 400 shares Telegraphone at around \$2.00 per share.

If necessary could go up to \$2.10 and send check for balance.

Very truly yours,

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1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 28, 1909.

Clarence M. Smith & Company
64 Wall Street, New York.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 27th inst, in reply to mine of the 21st, is at hand. In accordance therewith I enclose my check for \$70.00 in payment for 35 shares American Telegraphone at \$2.00, which I shall be glad to receive at your convenience.

Respectfully,

C. M. Smith

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1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 1, 1909.

Mr A. Heberger,
42 Church Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 29th January is at hand. I have asked Mr C. E. Pickett, our Agent at New Haven, to call on you with respect to your inquiry about the Hoadley Estate store, 798 Chapel Street.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam
Exr. & Trustee, Hoadley Estate.

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1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 1, 1909.

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

A short time ago I had a letter from Frederick H. Brethauer of 153 Church Street, inquiring as to the price of the Chapel Street store belonging to the Hoadley Estate. I replied that the property was leased and not for sale, but that if he wanted to submit an offer it would be considered.

Today I have received another letter--this time from A. Heberger, ^{42 Church St} --making the same inquiry. What does this mean? Is some one trying to get hold of a block of property at that point with a view to putting up a large business building, or what?

I wish you would kindly step into Heberger's place and find out if you can what he knows.

Of course the property could not be sold except subject to the terms of the lease, and we would not care to sell at all unless at a high figure.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 1, 1909.

Mr John W. Bristol,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear MR Bristol:

Thanks for your letter of January 30 enclosing order of the Probate Court accepting the new Probate bond for \$200 in place of the original executors bond.

Thanks also for your letter of Jan. 25 about the Chapel Street tax. Apparently I failed to make one point clear, namely, that the tax for the new store front was neither mentioned nor included in the notice of increased valuation sent me by the Assessors in September, but was added afterward, and my first knowledge of it came from the tax bill received shortly before I wrote you. I supposed it illegal to add a new item to an exorbitant valuation after notification had been sent.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 11, 1909.

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th inst, with check for \$200 on account collections of rent of Chapel Street store.

What would you say to asking \$60,000 for the Chapel Street property, and letting them put up an offer?

They of course understand that they would have to buy subject to the present lease.

In case of a sale, I suppose it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Probate Court, and to execute a large bond.

I shall be glad to hear from you further in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 15, 1909.

Mr Charles K. Fankhauser
27 William Street, New York.

Dear Sir:

If it is necessary to register the Telegraphone stock in New York, of which you have recently purchased 400 shares for me, kindly have the same registered as follows:

150 shares	Henry W. Henshaw
75 shares	Vernon Bailey
75 shares	W.H. Osgood
50 shares	E.W. Nelson
50 shares	C. Hart Merriam

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street

Washington, D.C.

Feb. 18, 1909.

Mr C. S. Scoville,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiries of the 13th inst, would state:

The store property 798 Chapel Street, belonging to the estate of F.H.Hoadley, is leased to the George F.Quigley Company, represented by A.Crawford, for a period of ten years beginning May 1, 1907, for the monthly rental of \$241.67.

There is no option for renewal so far as I am aware.

The tenant pays water tax and repairs.

The Estate pays the insurance.

Respectfully,

C. Hart

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1919 16th Street

Washington, D.C.

Feb. 25, 1909.

Mr Francis G. Anthony,
Collector of Taxes,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose check for \$351.05 in payment of 1st half
of taxes on store property 798 Chapel Street, New Haven, belonging
to the Estate of F.H.Hoadley, as per enclosed tax bill.

Kindly send receipt to above address and oblige,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Hoadley

Executor & Trustee, Estate
of F.H.Hoadley.

Feb. 26, 1909.

Dear Dr Boas:

Herewith I am returning the proof of my note on Transmigration in California.

I accept your spelling Maidu, but not Miwok, so please have the word printed MEWUK, as in my manuscript.

If Folk-Lore cannot use the illustration I sent, showing the bony ring around the owl's eye, kindly return the photograph and omit the article and I will publish it elsewhere with the illustration, which is needed to explain the text.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1909.

Prof. J. H. Sawyer,
Easthampton, Mass.

Dear Professor Sawyer:

Your letter asking for a lecture for Williston Seminary, to be given a year hence, has just come to hand.

Inasmuch as heretofore I have been unable to respond to appeals from Williston for assistance, I shall be very glad to show my good will by complying with this request, provided nothing should happen in the interval to make this impossible. I can give you a talk, illustrated by lantern slides, on any of the following subjects:

The work of the Biological Survey.

The Geographic Distribution of Animals and Plants in North America.

The meaning of the Coloration of Animals.

The Indians of California.

The Glaciers, Fjords, and Mountains of the Coast Region of Alaska.

The Big Game of America, and what the Government is doing for its Preservation.

The Economic Relations of our Birds and Mammals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

T
C. W. Townsend

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1919 16th Street,

Washington, D.C.

March 5, 1909

Mr John W. Bristol,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Bristol:

As the time for making up the annual account of the Hoadley Estate has arrived I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me your bill for legal services.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Hadden

1919 16th Street

Washington, D.C.

March 9, 1909.

Mr John W. Bristol, New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr Bristol:

Thanks for yours of the 8th inst, enclosing bill for 49.20
in payment of which my check is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hoadley

Exr. & Trustee, Estate of F.H.Hoadley.

1919 16th Street

Washington, D.C.

March 9, 1909.

Mr C.E. Pickett,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for your information as to the status of the proposed Chapel Street store purchase.

Yes, I should be glad to have you check up my account of the Hoadley Estate affairs for year ending March 19, 1909, and prepare final copy for filing in Probate Court. I hope to send you my account tomorrow. A few odds and ends still remain to be cleaned up. For instance, the insurance on Chapel Street store falls due in a couple of days. I should be glad to have you pay it and deduct the amount from the balance you are about to send me. Last year the insurance was \$39.50

You will remember that a year ago you kept \$41.67 out of the March rent to pay Heli's April allowance, thus using money collected at the end of one year to pay a debt at the beginning of the next; and every month since you have set aside from the rent the same amt to pay the following months allowance. This keeps my Bank account continually short by \$41.67 and complicates the Estate account, particularly at the end of the year when we want to clean everything up. I shall be thankful therefore if you will send me the full amount of the March rent (after deducting the insurance), and pay Heli's April allowance out of the April rent. This will enable us both to start square on the new year.

Herewith I enclose check for \$75 in payment of amount due you for services for 2d half of year.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart

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1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.

March 10, 1909

Mr Charles E. Pickett, New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Since writing you yesterday I have completed my account as
Executor and Trustee of the Hoadley Estate, for the year ending
March 19, 1909, and am enclosing the same herewith.

I shall be obliged if you will scrutinize this account very
carefully to see if you can detect any errors, and if so, to correct
the same. There are a few figures which I am not sure of, but wh
you will have. I refer to the exact amount paid Heli, and the In-
surance. When you have corrected these, you will have to correct
the balances accordingly all along the line.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

PS:

It seems odd to carry the Chapel Street store at \$29,250 after it
has been appraised at \$47,600, but I suppose it is the proper course.
If there is any doubt about it, please ask the Probate Court.

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C. Hart Merriam,
Surviving Executor and Trustee under the Will of
Frederick H. Hoadley, Deceased

In account with

TRUST ESTATE CREATED BY SAID WILL

Dr

To Personal Property on hand as per
account of March 19, 1908, on file..\$40,092.92

" Income, as per Schedule A..... 4,553.05 \$44,645.97

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By Cash paid, as per Schedule B.....\$1,025.82

" Cash paid Miss Maria H. Bradley,
Net income, as per Schedule C....1,563.62

" Cash paid Heli Goadley..... 500.03

" Cash paid for services of Executor
and Trustee..... 400.00

" Net amount of Personal Property on
hand, as per Schedule D.....41,156.50 \$44,645.97

Washington, D.C.

March ,1909.

Executor and Trustee

Schedule A

SHOWING INCOME COLLECTED

March 19, 1908 to March 19, 1909

Rent of store 798 Chapel Street, New
Haven, April 1908 to March 1909,
a \$241.67 per month \$2,900.04

Interest on Hugo mortgage
(June \$500; Dec. \$500) 1,000.00

Coupons:

8 Consolidated Ry. Co.
(July \$160; Jan. \$160) 320.00

5 Conn. Ry. & Lighting
(July \$112.50; Jan. \$112.50) 225.00

2 Buffalo & Susq.
(July \$40.; Jan. \$40) 80.00

1 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy
(March, 1909 \$20) 20.00

Interest on Cash in Bank
(American Security & Trust Co.) 8.01 \$4553.05

Schedule B

EXPENSES

March 19, 1908 to March 19, 1909

1908
March 31. Advertising Probate Account \$3.00

April 14. Additional Insurance, Chapel St. Store 17.38

July 27. Probate Court Expenses 31.95

31. Bristol, Stoddard, Bristol & Fisher
Legal Services, Probate Court Hearings 252.28
C. Hart Merriam, Expenses, two trips
Washington to New Haven, Probate Court
Hearings (April, \$22; June, \$24.80) 46.80

F. G. Anthony, Taxes on Chapel St. Store 580.71

1909
Feb. 6. Rent Safe Deposit Box
(Am. Security & Trust Co.) 5.00

Bristol, Stoddard, Beach & Fisher
Legal Services, reduction of
Trustee's Bond 35.00

Probate Court Expenses, Trustee's Bond 14.20

March Insurance on Store, 798 Chapel St. . . . 39.50
\$1025.82

Schedule C

Showing Amount of one half net income
paid Maria H. Bradley

Income as per Schedule A \$4553.05

Expenses as per Schedule B 1025.82
Executor's Services 400.00 1425.82

Net income \$3127.23

One half of 3127.23 = 1563.62

SCHEDULE D.

SHOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY ON HAND

March 19, 1908.

1 Note secured by first mortgage on land and buildings, Crown-street.....	\$25,000.00
8 Bonds Consolidated Railway Company, 4%, due 1954, int. Jan. & July.....	7,925.66
5 Bonds Connecticut Ry. & Light. Co., 4 1/2 %, due 1951; int. Jan. & July.....	5,153.12
2 Bonds Buffalo & Susquehanna 1st mtg. Ref. 4%, due 1951, int. Jan. & July.....	1,841.24
1 Bond Chicago Burlington & Quincy 4%, due March 1, 1958, int. Sept. & March.....	1,027.00
Cash on hand.....	209.50
	<u>\$41,156.50</u>

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Dr.

Principal on hand on hand as per account on file ..	\$69,170.02
Income invested as above, now principal.....	1,027.00
	<u>\$70,197.02</u>

Cr

Principal on hand:	
Store 798 Chapel St.....	\$29,250.00
Mtg. Note, Crown St. Property..	25,000.00
8 Bonds Consol. Ry. Co.....	7,925.66
5 " Conn. Ry. & Light. Co....	5,153.12
2 " Buffalo & Susq.....	1,841.24
1 " Chicago Burlington and Quincy.....	1,027.00
	<u>\$70,197.02</u>

1919 16th Street,

Washington, D.C.

March 10, 1909

Mr Noah Farnham Morrison,

Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Your Catalogue No. 101 just recd., for which thanks.

Please send me by express:

4033 Bryant, 1849 \$1.

4042 Mariposa Estate 1868 \$1.50

4356 Repts. Comm. Ind. Affrs for 1856 and 1858 \$1.50

4479 Rau \$0.75

Respectfully,

C. Hart Morrison

My check for \$4.50 is enclosed herewith.

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
March 19, 1909.

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th inst and accompanying account and check for balance to date (\$202.22).

Owing to the fact that you addressed the envelope 1616 19th Street instead of 1919 16th, it did not reach me till now.

I will return the account herewith and shall be obliged if you will attend to the filing, advertising, and notices as heretofore.

The new Insurance policies and receipt, and the receipts from Heli are at hand, for which I am obliged.

If agreeable to you I shall be glad to have you continue as Agent for the Hoadley Estate for another year on the same terms as for the past year.

Very truly yours,

C. Eastman

April 9, 1909
Mr Frederick Collins
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

The National Academy meets at the Smithsonian Institution on the 19th inst and will be in session for three or four days. The Committee on arrangements has asked me to invite you to give an exhibition of your Wireless Telephone during the meeting.

Will you kindly let me know as early as practicable whether or not it will be practicable for you to do this?

Very truly yours,

C. West Hurler

1919 16th Street
Washington, D.C.
April 15, 1909.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
110 High Street, Peoria, Ill.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Thanks for your address, which came yesterday.

Herewith I enclose check for \$363.62 in payment of balance due you for year ending March 19, 1909.

Your quarterly annuity due this month I cannot pay until the money comes in from rental, for the reason that the date of payment of New Haven taxes was changed last year from July to March (and the tax at the same time increased to over \$700), so that in order to avoid penalty I had to pay in March, from last year's income, the tax usually paid in July. It amounts to the same thing in the end, but is an annoyance at the time it falls due, our year for the annual probate account coming at an awkward time--March 19--in view of the change in the tax date.

The leaves are just coming out on the tulip trees here.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Executor & Trustee, Estate F.H. Hoadley

Peoria, Illinois
April 1909.

Received of C. Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee, Estate of F.H. Hoadley, the sum of \$363.62, the same being balance due me of annuity for year ending March 19, 1909, I having previously received \$1200 in quarterly payments, making in all \$1563.62 for the year.

ETHNOLOGICAL EVIDENCE THAT THE CALIFORNIA CAVE SKELETONS ARE NOT RECENT.

Since the discovery of the celebrated Calaveras skull, many human skulls and skeletons have been found in caves along the west slope of the middle Sierra. The presence of human remains in these caves has been interpreted to mean that the Indians now living in the region practice cave burial, or did practice it until recent times. This is an error. The Indians of this region, the Mewuk, burned their dead, and never under any circumstances put them in caves. These Indians believe the caves to be inhabited by a stone giant, whom they call Chehalumche, who sallies forth at night in search of food. He preys, by preference, on people, but when he cannot get people, takes deer or other animals. He never eats his victims in the open but carries them into the caves and there devours them. Members of several subtribes of the Mewuk have told me this, and have looked with horror on the suggestion that they or their ancestors might ever have put their dead in caves. They say: "Would you put your mother, or your wife, or your child, or anyone you love, in a cave to be eaten by a horrible giant?" The idea is so abhorrent to them that the theory of cave burial must be abandoned as preposterous. The Mewuk feel that the finding of human bones in these caves must convince us of the truth of their belief in the occupancy of the caves by Chehalumche, the bones being those of the victims he has carried there.

The mythology of the Mewuk does not admit of any migration but describes the creation of the people in the area they still inhabit. This, in connection with the fact that these Indians speak a language wholly different from any known in any other part of the world, proves that the Mewuk have occupied the lands they now occupy for a very long period--a period which in my judgment should be

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yearly to shareholders of the company
 year's net earnings were not distributed, being a surplus and
 were not added to the net earnings of the company for the year
 ending June 30, 1909, but were added to the surplus of the company.

Received from H.W. Henshaw

HANCOCK CIRCLE SYNDICATE: Lots 31, 32, & 33, Square 176, Washington, D.C.

City Taxes for year ending June 30, 1909: 2d half. . . \$63.69

Amt. due from F.W. Clarke, owner of 4 shares. \$4.39

Received payment,

Trustee

HANCOCK CIRCLE SYNDICATE: LOTS 31, 32, & 33 Square 176, Washington

City Taxes for year ending June 30, 1909: 2d half. . . \$63.69

Amt. due from Richard Rathbun, owner of 15 shares, \$16.47

Recd. Payment,

Trustee

HANCOCK CIRCLE SYNDICATE: Lots 31, 32, & 33, Square 176, Washington, D.C.

City Taxes for year ending June 30, 1909: 2d half. . . \$63.69

Amt. due from H.W. Henshaw, owner of 10 shares. \$10.98

Received payment,

Trustee

HANCOCK CIRCLE SYNDICATE: Lots 31, 32, & 33, Square 176, Washington, D.C.

City Taxes for year ending June 30, 1909: 2d half. . . \$63.69

Amt. due from Mrs. Louise H. Earll, owner of 7 shares, . \$7.69

Received payment,

Trustee

HANCOCK CIRCLE SYNDICATE: Lots 31, 32, & 33, Square 176, Washington, D.C.

City Taxes for year ending June 30, 1909: 2d half. . . \$63.69

Amt. due from Mrs. Anne M.M. Kidder, owner of 15 shares. . \$16.47

Received payment,

Trustee

*all sent
 May 15, 1909 - cm*

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
May 19, 1909.

Dear Gilbert:

Yours of the 13th came a day or two ago but I was not able to go to your box until this morning, when I made the following inventory of its contents:

Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Policy #448120 to 1 year from Feb. 1909.

Iowa Apartment House Bonds, 153 shares at \$100.

Ontario Apartment House Bonds, 80 shares at \$100.

Cosmos Club Bonds, 5 aggregating \$1,800.

Washington Ry. & Electric Co. Bonds, 3 at \$1,000.

Washington Sanitary Improvement Co., 600 shares at \$10.

Faculty Club Bonds, Univ. Calif., 10 at \$50.

Open envelope from J.H.C. containing Mortgages.

Open envelope containing Notes.

Open envelope containing Deed to lot 89, West $\frac{1}{2}$ Glenwood Cemetery

Sealed envelope marked 'Auditor's Acceptances'.

Sealed envelope from Robert C. Porter, S.F., sent me, registered, by G.K.G. and recd. by me and put in box April 30, 1909.

Sealed small envelope marked 'Liberty Hill'.

Rough copy of Will.

Medal in red case.

I hope those papers of Arch's have been located, and that if you have other important papers besides those here mentioned you will scratch your head and think where they are.

As ever yours,

G. K. Gilbert,
Jackson, Mich.

PS: Your box key is returned herewith, registered.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL
CONSTITUTION

Article 1: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Home and School Association of the Western High School of the District of Columbia.

Article 2: PURPOSE

The object of the Association is the promotion of friendly cooperation between the home and the school, with a view to the betterment of educational conditions, and the furthering of such activities both within and without the school, as give promise of broadening the interests of the pupils that they may become more healthful and intelligent students, and more responsible and useful citizens.

Article 3: MEMBERS

The members may be of two classes, Senior and Junior.

Senior members shall be teachers, parents of pupils in the Western High School, or persons in sympathy with the aims of the Association. Junior members shall be students in the Western High School.

Article 4: OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall serve for one year, or until their successors have been elected.

Article 5: MEETINGS.

There shall be Annual and Special meetings. The Annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, shall be held on the third Friday of October.

Special meetings may be held at any time at the call of the

President and Secretary, or at the written request of 10 Senior members.

Article 6: COMMITTEES

Committees may be appointed from time to time, as found necessary. Unless otherwise ordered they shall be appointed by the President.

Article 7: DUES.

The dues of Senior members shall be 25 cents, due and payable at the Annual meeting.

The dues of Junior members shall be 10 cents, due and payable at the Annual meeting.

Article 8: QUORUM.

A quorum for the election of officers and the transaction of business at the Annual meeting shall consist of not less than 20 Senior members.

Article 9: AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may ^{be} altered or amended at any regularly called meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the Senior members present, provided that not less than 30 Senior members are present, and that written notice of the amendment, signed by 3 Seniors members, has been given at the preceding meeting.

June 4, 1909

My dear Mr Leupp:

Very many thanks for the 34 back volumes of Annual Reports of the Commr. of Indian Affairs recently sent me by courtesy of your office. These will be of much assistance to me, particularly in my work on the west coast tribes. I have already carded the names of the California, Nevada, and Utah tribes and bands mentioned in the reports, and have in all some 20,000 references to Indians in this region, which I shall be glad to place at your service should you find them convenient.

With renewed thanks,

Very truly yours,

Hon. F. E. Leupp
Commr. Indian Affairs.

Washington, D.C.

June 12, 1909.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
110 High Street,
Peoria, Ill.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Your letter of the 7th inst. came duly, and this mornings
brought a rental check from New Haven which enables me to pay
your annuity for the first quarter of this year, which I herewith
enclose (\$300). I much regret the delay, which is due to the change
in time of payment of taxes, in connection with the necessity of
paying insurance, Probate Court expenses &c early in the year.
From the first of July on to the end of the year there will be money
ahead all the time--the stringency comes the first quarter--so there
will be no delay in the payment of your annuity for the second quarter.

Rents are due the 1st of each month, but rarely are paid
before the 9th or 10th; and both last month and this month they did
not reach me until later.

As I invest at the close of each year the excess of income
over expenses, there is no cash balance left over from which to pay
bills falling due the 1st part of the following year. But as "The
Enemy" has not brought suit against the Estate this year we should
get through without legal expenses, which will be an important saving.

Very truly yours,

Executor & Trustee, Estate of F.H.Hoadley

Peoria, Illinois
June 1909.

Received of C.Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee of the Estate
of F.H.Hoadley, deceased, the sum of three hundred dollars(\$300), the
same being my quarterly annuity for the first quarter of 1909.

August 14, 1909

Mr Arthur H. Clark
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 10th inst:
You are going away on the 20th, and I start
for the West Coast about the same date, to
be gone till late November. I take the
liberty therefore to send you herewith by
express(prepaid) the manuscript and illus-
trations of my book of Indian stories.
Dont bother with it now, but put it in your
safe pending your return.

When located in California I'll send
you my address.

Very truly yours,

1919 16th St, Washington
Sept. 9, 1909.

Mr C.E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Yours without date, enclosing check for \$200 on account
rent of Chapel Streetstore for September, just recd., for which thanks.

Herewith I enclose check for \$75 , the same being due you for
services as Agent, Hoadley Estate for first half of current year.

Very truly yours,

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

September 27, 1909.

Johnson & Morris,

Engineers and Contractors.

509 Eleventh Street, City.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 25th inst. offering to furnish and erect a new Ideal Heater of 1650 sq. ft. rated capacity, in my house 1919--16th street is received. You say nothing about connecting this heater with the present water boiler standing along side the present furnace, but I assume that this was included in your estimate of \$220.00. With this understanding I accept your proposal.

I accept also your proposal to change the connections to the present parlor radiator, furnishing the new pipe and pipe covering necessary for \$18.00, in all \$238.00.

Respectfully,

E. Hartman -

1919 16th Street,

Washington, D.C.

Oct. 9, 1909.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,

713 West 10th Street

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Thanks for your letter from Los Angeles, telling me where you are. Herewith I am enclosing check for \$300 in payment of your annuity for third quarter of this year.

With best wishes for a pleasant winter,

Very truly yours,

Exr. & Trustee, Hoadley Estate.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Oct. 1909.

Received of C. Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee Estate of F. H. Hoadley, the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) the same being my quarterly annuity for 3d quarter, 1909.

Oct. 14, 1909

Mr. Francis S. Anthony
Collector of Taxes, New Haven.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your notification of getting
I enclose herewith check for \$25.00 in
payment of 2 1/2 % of Tax on Class 711
Chapel St. belonging to estate of F.H. Bradley.

Not receiving any bill I immediately
included tax debt of Sept.

Resf.

Wm. H. Harrison

Sec. of State

THE DAWN OF THE WORLD
Strange Tales told by the Mewan Indians of California
By C. Hart Merriam

A book consisting wholly of original material--a collection of myths and stories obtained by the author direct from the Indians and never before published.

It is our custom to go abroad for the early beliefs of mankind and to teach our children the mythologies of foreign lands, unmindful of the wealth and beauty of our native American myths and folk-tales.

The present volume, consisting of stories obtained by the author direct from the Indians of California, will it is hoped draw attention to the entertaining character of the folk-tales of our American Indians. The stories tell of the doings of the First People--of their search for fire; of their hunting exploits; of their adventures, including battles with giants and miraculous escapes from death; of their personal attributes, including selfishness and jealousy and their consequences; of the creation of Indian people by a Divinity called Coyote-man, and finally of the transformation of the First People into animals or other objects of nature.

Some explain the origin of thunder, lightening, the rainbow and other natural phenomena; some tell of a flood, when only the tops of the highest mountains broke the waves; others of a cheerless period of cold and darkness before the acquisition of the coveted heat and light-giving substance, which became both fire and sun.

As a contribution to ethnology, mythology, and folk-lore the value of the book can hardly be overestimated since it consists of

the creation myths and other curious tales, heretofore unpublished and unknown, of a group of tribes composing one of the great linguistic stocks of California. These tribes have been little visited by ethnologists, and during the few years that have passed since the tales were collected, several of them have become extinct.

To the naturalist, psychologist, and student of religions they are of surpassing interest--affording a clue to the mental processes of aboriginal man, showing his ideas as to the creation of the universe and the life upon it, including himself; his strange conceptions of the animals and plants among which he lives; and his habit of calling upon the supernatural for the explanation of things he does not understand.

To the story lover, young and old alike, these strange tales appeal as have few since the publication of the Arabian Nights. The simplicity of presentation together with the curious and in many cases miraculous doings of the animal-people give them an unusual charm.

The various mammals, birds, reptiles, and trees and shrubs mentioned by the several tribes have never before been correctly identified. Their Indian and English names are here given, and in an appendix may be found their scientific equivalents--a material addition to the permanent scientific value of the book.

1919 16th Street
Washington, D.C.

Dec. 27, 1909.

Mr G. M. Robertson,
The Arthur H. Clark Co.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letters of the 21st and 22d, calling my attention to certain discrepancies, all of which I have attended to.

Mokelumne is right for the river, Mokalumne for the tribe.

On-so-so-li one of the Star-women is Pliades--referring to the group of stars, not a single one.

The titlepage, Contents, and List of Illustrations did not come back with the proof or copy. Other missing pages of copy are 43, 108, and 160.

I have at the eleventh hour added a Preface, which if accepted will necessitate striking out two paragraphs now in the Introduction (the opening paragraph of galley one, and "The Recital of the Myths" in galley three). This I have indicated on the proof.

All of the myths are as told by the Indian narrators--that is, they are in first person. In the Bodega Bay story on galley 22 you have changed a paragraph to third person, and I've taken the liberty to change it back to first person, to agree with the rest of the book. All of your other changes I have accepted.

On galley 22 I have changed the caption of one of the stories from HOI-AH-KO, THE FIRST PEOPLE, to HOI-AH-KO TALES OF THE SOUTHERN MEWUK. The change should be made also in the Contents.

Meadowlark is written by ornithologists as one word--because the bird is not a lark.

Subheadings: There are two sets of flush subheadings, one in The Birth of Wek'-wek, galleys 8-11; the other in Hoi-ah-ko, galleys

22-23. These are not treated in the same way. Most of them strike me as too big and too black; and why should they be shoved off to one side? The one on galley 9 (Ke-lok and his Han-na-boo) is in smaller type and centered and looks more in tune with the text.

Many of the titles as printed are in sets of three, each occupying a line of different rank. Thus, near bottom of galley 15 is

1 THE GREED OF HIS-SIK THE SKUNK

2 A Tale of the Southern Mewuk

3 As told by the Mariposa Mewuk.

Do you like this? As originally written there was a single title, followed by a line of explanation, thus:

THE GREED OF HIS-SIK THE SKUNK

A tale of the Southern Mewuk as told by the Mariposa Mewuk.

Perhaps the simpler way now would be to strike out the word as except in the two cases where its use indicates alternate versions of the same story, as in HOW AH-HA-LE STOLE THE SUN, galleys 3 to 5; and THE BEAR AND THE FAWNS, galleys 14 and 15, where they are all right as they stand. In a few cases I have stricken out the as lightly with pencil, to direct attention to the matter. Please run your eye over the series of titles with these points in mind.

Herewith I am returning by special delivery galleys 1-30, and will return 31-36 tomorrow. It has pressed me very hard to do this work in so short a time.

Kindly send me two sets of page proof--one to read and return to you; the other to keep to make the Index from.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 16th Street
Washington, D.C.

Dec. 28, 1909.

Mr G. M. Robertson,
The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am returning proof of the Present Day Myths
(galleys 30-35). The caption in each of these is immediately fol-
lowed by a line containing the name of the tribe, thus--

The Middle Menak of Tuolumne River say:

This becomes tedious and I suggest striking out the first
word(The) and the last word (say) and centering the name of the tribe.
If you agree with me in this, will you kindly do it?

With the proof returned to you last evening was copy for
a preface. The first paragraph of this was bad, but I was too tired
to fix it. Herewith I am enclosing a substitute and shall be greatly
obliged if you will kindly paste it over the other one.

When may I expect proofs of the illustrations?

Very truly yours,

PREFACE

It is our custom to go abroad for the early beliefs of mankind
and to teach our children the mythologies of foreign lands, unmind-
ful of the wealth and beauty of our American folk-tales. The
present collection invites attention to the unique and entertaining
character of the myths of some of our California Indians.

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1919 16th Street
 Washington, D. C.
 Jan. 7, 1910.

The Arthur H. Clark Company,
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 6th inst, enclosing map, just received.
 The spellings of the six illegible names are enclosed herewith, along
 with the map, and also a clean copy of the latter.

Besides the six you have queried, I am giving spellings
 of three others, two of which are so poorly shown on the map that
 they might easily be misread. One of these (no. 9) I have changed
 from Tuleame to Tuleyome--this change to be made in case you are
 having the lettering done over.

Your letter and map reached me this evening; had it come
 a few hours earlier I should have ~~have~~ photographed it double present
 size so the corrections could be made more easily.

The original was not returned to me from the Anthropolo-
 gist, in which my original paper on the Distribution of the Mewan
 Stock was published. The editor informs me that it cannot be found.

Very truly yours,

A. Hart Merriam.

*Please look at fresh copy of map (enclosed) and see form of
 Bodega Bay, which is almost obliterated in the old copy by an
 error in reinforcing the coast line - same*

1919 16th Street
Washington

Jan. 12, 1910

Mr G. M. Robertson,
The Arthur H. Clark Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 10th inst, enclosing pp17-44 of the Dawn of the World, and galley of the Bibliography, I found on returning from office this evening.

The changes in the Bibliography appear to have been made by someone utterly unfamiliar with bibliographies and the usual form of citations. Much as I dislike the use of quos for titles, and the loose narrative form in which the references have been arranged, I am willing to swallow these if this is the kind of thing you like, but I am not willing under any circumstances to give a title or reference without the date. The date of publication, next to the authors name, is by far the most important part of any reference.

I have added titles of two papers which have just appeared thus bringing the bibliography down to the end of December 1909.

Herewith I am returning galley and copy of the Bibliography, and the page proof recd. today (pp 17-44).

Proof of the preliminary matter and Preface I have not yet seen, and the corrected galley for the pages enclosed has not yet come. Please always send corrected galley with page proof.

The general make up of the pages I like very much.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Johnson

1919 16th Street
Washington

Jan. 13, 1910

The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

In the page proof received and returned last evening the running headline for even pages is the title of the book--The Dawn of the World. Do you like this? Would it not look better to use Ancient Myths for the even page headlines, and a catch-title of each story for the odd page headlines--as, How Ah-ha-ile Stole the Sun (for pp 39-43)?

Proofs of the three colored illustrations also reached me last evening and on the whole strike me as excellent for process work, although as the originals have not yet arrived I am unable to make the necessary comparisons. The green and blue in the middle picture (Recital of the Myths) seem rather bright. These pictures surely will add materially to the attractiveness of the book.

Proofs of the uncolored illustrations have not yet arrived.

When the illustrations are printed I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me half a dozen prints of each.

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H. H.

1919 16th Street

Washington

The Arthur H. Clark Co.
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 16, 1909

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am returning all the proof in my hands--pages 45-151 inclusive. I am also indexed to date.

On p 27 previously returned, the last line of the footnote has ~~manals~~ instead of mammals, and I can't remember whether or not I spotted it before returning the proof.

In the story beginning on page 67 there are three subheadings. These have been treated ^{by your printer} as independent stories and arranged to begin odd pages--pp 75, 83, and 89--headed in the same type as the main story. I spoke of this when returning the galley. Maybe you prefer it this way. There is another case of the same kind in the long HOI-AH-KO story coming in next batch.

On page 45 you will notice that Ah-ha'-le is spelt both with and without the hyphen following the accent. This occurs so many times in the case of so many names, and on so many pages, that I have not marked for correction.

Very truly yours,



1919 16th Street
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 17, 1910

Mr Arthur H. Clark, Pres.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th received this afternoon.

I did not return the colored illustrations for the reason that the originals were not sent and I had nothing but my imagination to compare them with. As the same condition prevails at the present time I am still not returning them. I am willing however to accept your statement that they are as good as can be obtained and let them go at that. In fact, I think them very good.

In the case of plain black and white reproductions from paintings, very good tone values can be obtained by the use of isochromatic plates with a proper color screen.

The bibliography I returned several hours ago, after adding the place of publication, as suggested by you.

The Merrick book came also and will be used when copying the index.

Pages 152 to 197 reached me this afternoon and are returned herewith. You are rushing me fearfully with this proof as in almost every instance the date you set for its return-receipt by you is the day following its receipt by me (and always in the afternoon). So I have to rush through it and take it down to the post office (2¹/₂ miles) in the late evening and send by special delivery. However I am willing to do all I possibly can to help hurry it through.

The trouble with chapter headings which I spoke of yesterday recurs in present batch on pages 169, 173, 179, 191, and 195.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington
January 20, 1910.

Mr G. M. Robertson
The Arthur H. Clark Co.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst came today, along with proof pages 204-244. The proof I am returning herewith.

The make up of the Present Day Myths is in places too drawn out to look well, several of the pages being dreadfully short--notably 209, 210, 211, 214, 218 and 230. In the case of pages 218 and 230 why not run on the next page in each case, as it follows naturally?

There is serious trouble with the matter on pages 213 and 214, beginning with the bottom paragraph of 213. This matter is interpolated by me and was originally in brackets. It is in 3d person and differs wholly in form from the little stories, which are in 1st person--as you will see at once if you will read the matter. By changing the form and introducing flush subheadings you have given it the external appearance of the stories, thus creating an impossible condition. After worrying over it for some time I have decided that the easiest way to fix it is to strike it out and substitute a note embodying the substance of the two paragraphs, and at the same time adding enough to help fill out the short page. This I have done, adopting the form of note previously used on pages 53 and 55.

On page 233 a major heading has been used for ^{THE} ROCK GIANTS. This seems to call for a corresponding heading for 239--THE MERMAIDS--since these agile water women can hardly be classed as Rock Giants. As a matter of fact both are subheadings of the main heading on 229.

The Index will be ready as soon as possible after the complete proof is in my hands. The matter is card indexed to date, but

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the copying and checking up will take some time. I have already made a start on this, and expect to have a rather full index--one which will be of the greatest assistance to students of the myths. If you find it too large you may strike out what you deem unnecessary.

I repudiate your implication that I am responsible for the delay you complain of in receipt of the returned proofs. You had better pitch into the Post Office department instead of into me. In almost every instance, except a batch which came last Saturday, the proof has reached me late in the afternoon and has been mailed by me the same evening at the central post office, and marked and stamped for Special Delivery. The trouble is that you do not allow time enough for the round trip.

I shall be absent three days next week (25th to 27th incl.), having to go to central Massachusetts to lecture. Shall try to have everything in my hands at time of leaving cleaned up.

Very truly yours,

G. M. Robertson

PS: Have pinned to page 244 a Tree and Plant list to follow the Animal lists. If not wanted, chuck in waste basket. *GMR*

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p. 213-214

Note.--In the Ancient Myths it has already been shown that the Northern Me'-wuk and Wi'-pā tribes of Mewan stock, and the Pā-we-nan tribe of Midoo stock, hold the Meadowlark responsible for the failure of dead people to rise on the third or fourth day and come to life again (see pages 55-56 and 132). This belief is widespread among the Mewan tribes and is held also by at least one Pomo tribe--the 'Ham'-fo or Koi'-im-fo of Clear Lake.

All the Mewan tribes, and many belonging to widely different stocks--including even the Washoo of Lake Tahoe and adjacent valleys east of the Sierra--class the Meadowlark among the bad birds. They say he talks too much and is a gossip and they do not like him. The Washoo call him Se-spo'-te'-al-le and, like several other tribes, insist that he talks to them in their own language and always makes uncomplimentary remarks. He tells them that he sees right through them; that they are stingy and provide only food enough for themselves; that they are dark on the outside only and under the skin are as white and mean as a white man, and so on.

If mental goes on p. 244 following
the animal list--can

NAMES OF TREES AND OTHER PLANTS

Buckeye, Aesculus californica
Cedar, Incense, Libocedrus decurrens
Elderberry, Sambucus glauca
Manzanita, Arctostaphylos (several species)
Oak, Black, Quercus californica
Oak, Blue, Quercus douglasi
Oak, Valley or water, Quercus lobata
Pine, Digger, Pinus sabiniana
Pine, Sugar, Pinus lambertiana
Pine, Yellow, Pinus ponderosa
Sage-herb, Artemisia ludoviciana
Sycamore, Platanus racemosa

January 21, 1910

Mr G. M. Robertson
The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Dear Sir:

Since writing you last evening I have noticed one or two things in the proof which could be changed to advantage.

On page 210 the Deer is spelt Oo-e-yah--as given by one of the Northern Mewuk bands. It should be changed to O-woo-yah to agree with the spelling adopted in all other cases.

On page 220 two pieces of bracketed matter come together looking very badly. This can be easily remedied by removing the brackets from the last paragraph and introducing the paragraph with the word NOTE-- in same form as on pages 53 and 55.

The only bad page in the Ancient Myths is 59, which has a long footnote and a gap in the middle. This could be remedied by resetting the footnote as a Note--in same form as on 53 and 55. In case you see fit to do this, the present footnote number (9) could be preserved by introducing a short footnote, as follows: The Meadow-lark, wherever mentioned in the myths, is always a disagreeable character (see pages 55-56; 131-132; 213-214).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street

Washington, D. C.

Jan. 24, 1910

The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Your post card without date but postmarked the 22d came in the morning's mail, but the missing proof has not yet arrived--and it is now 9 PM. As I leave in the morning to be gone until Thursday I fear I shall not see it until my return.

Yours of the 21st enclosing rough proofs of the plain illustrations for lettering, came today, and the five requiring correction or comment are returned herewith. The small photo of Mount Diablo is not a plate, of course, but merely a tailpiece to the story as originally explained.

The picture of Molluk the Condor on Mount Diablo probably needs tooling to bring out the sun's rays as in the original--the effect of "drawing water."

Can you not soon send me a complete set of the illustrations (good prints) with the originals, so I can make the necessary comparisons and return the originals to the artists?

The index is completed to date and much of it is finally copied, so there is not likely to be delay on that score. As soon as I receive the missing pages and preliminary matter I can close in a few hours.

Very truly yours

A. H. Clark

The map is horrible and would be a disgrace all around in present shape. I am having it greatly enlarged and re-lettered and expect to return to you on my return Thursday afternoon. - caw -

1919 16th Street

Washington, D. C.

Jan. 28, 1919

Mr G.M. Robertson
The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst came today, along with the missing pages (198-203), the preliminary matter, and the Bibliography--all of which I am glad to see.

The map I had photographed up big and then traced and lettered anew, and sent you special delivery this afternoon.

The preliminary matter and pages 198-203 are enclosed herewith.

The titlepage I like, except my official position, which I have stricken out. *The title out is fine!*

Please examine the pagination very carefully with reference to the illustrations. I have not got material for a complete dummy, but have enough to create what seems to me an impossible condition in several places. If the illustrations are to be inserts, as I infer, must not the page numbers of the inserted plates always begin with an odd page? In my set of proof the blank pages left for the illustrations begin on even pages, and the pagination before and after conforms, so that whichever way the picture faces, the preceding page of text will be blank. This of course is not intended, and unless I am greatly mistaken a number of pages will have to have their pagination changed. In this case I should have a set of the final pages at the earliest possible moment in order to correct the index--which is now copied and makes 43 typewritten pages.

Very truly yours,
W. H. St. John

1919 16th Street
Washington
Jan. 29, 1910

The Arthur H. Clark Co.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am returning page proof of the bibliography. It is the only part of the book I am ashamed of. After having taught bibliography and index making for a quarter of a century, to see a job of this sort come out in a book under my name is most mortifying if not humiliating. I have taken the liberty therefore to add a disclaimer, which you will of course do me the justice to print.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Dear Sirs:

Revise page proof pp 209-241 reached me this morning and is returned herewith. The running of the matter on and other slight changes have improved its appearance greatly, and the transposition of Ho-ha-pe and the Rock Giants and change of type for the heading of the latter remove the difficulty mentioned in a former letter.

On page 222 you have not made the correction called for by adding the date to the footnote. Please see that this is done.

The Index is completely copied and will be ready to send you two days after I receive a complete set of plate proof--or any kind of final revise with corrected pagination throughout--so that I can make the necessary corrections in the Index. I wrote you a few days ago about the changes in pagination sure to be necessitated by the correction of the pagination of the inserts.

Very truly yours,

C. Kent Harrison

Feb. 7, 1910.

Mr Arthur H. Clark

President, The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 4th inst about the bibliography received. Apparently you are not quite clear as to the points I object to in the present form, so I will explain: I object to brackets and parentheses butting up against each other, as in the Clark and Curtin references; to coupling the date with the name of the journal or serial instead of ^{with} the particular volume to which it belongs; and to transpositions of the usual forms of citations--as "American Museum of Natural History Bulletin" for a title known the world over in references and bibliographies as "Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History." And I dislike putting quotation marks about titles, and changing the form of the name of the Journal of American Folk-Lore to Folk-lore. I admit that these are small matters, but in a kind of work one has been striving for special excellence in for many years, they all count. In bibliographies I like to print the author's name in black-face type, the title in small caps, the title of the serial in Italics, and place the date at the extreme end of the reference. This makes the several parts stand out in a way that is very handy for the user, and gives the page a very handsome appearance.

I do not object to writing out the serial titles in full (though this is not usual), nor to inserting the place of publication.

As you object to the disclaimer I returned with the proof

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I am submitting herewith another, which lacks all allusion to details and merely says: "The author's manuscript of the bibliography has been altered somewhat in form to agree with the form preferred by the publisher."

It is too bad the work cannot be pushed a little faster. I have worked very hard to return proofs with the utmost promptness, and have strained things to complete the Index ahead of time. The Index is all ready to send you except for a few page corrections (changes of pagination) which I cannot be sure of till I receive a set of final proof, with the illustrations correctly paged. And I have not yet received a single proof of the black-and-white illustrations except for the legends!

I have made the Index decidedly analytical, as you wished, and it should prove most helpful to students of California myths, but I fear it is too long.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

Feb. 8, 1910

Mr William H. Hackett,
Collector of Taxes,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose check for \$416.50
in payment of first half of tax on store #798
Chapel Street, New Haven, as per accompanying
tax bill.

Respectfully,

E. H. Hoadley

Executor and Trustee
Estate of F.H.Hoadley

Feb. 14, 1910

Mr Arthur H. Clark
President A.H.C. Co.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for yours of the 10th inst. You never were more mistaken than when you thought I had received proofs of the black and white illustrations. I have been begging for these for a month or more, but all I have ever had were some slapped-off dubs with the legends printed under, and I promptly returned the legends needing correction and reiterated my request for a set of proofs of the illustrations--all to no avail, for not one of them has come yet.

I have also over and over again asked for a complete set of corrected page proof to serve as an authentic dummy of the book, to check up from, back and forth, but as yet have only an incomplete set, the result of which is several errors which would have been detected promptly if I had had a good dummy.

I have not seen any proof of the new map I had drawn and sent you on Jan. 28.

Printed signatures 3-6, with errors of pagination corrected arrived this afternoon, for which I am greatly obliged. I hope the remaining signatures will follow promptly.

The Index has long been ready and I think I can send it to you within two hours of the receipt of finally corrected pagination.

In sending you the illustrations last fall I included two

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or three photographs with the suggestion that they might be used for tail pieces. One of these (that of Mount Diablo) came back among the proofs of plates for lettering, recd. and returned on January 24. I called attention to this in my letter of January 24, and also struck it out of the list of illustrations. Notwithstanding this, I find a place left for it (pp 85-86) in the printed pages received this afternoon.

It's a great pity the book cannot be on sale in California by the end of the present month; still, March and April should be good months.

There will be no delay in sending you the Index the moment I receive final paginations, and if your printer doesn't live in China maybe there will not be great delay in putting it in type.

I am much pleased with the appearance of the printed pages which came today.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 15, 1910.

Mr G. M. Robertson
The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Dear Sir:

Your post card of the 12th and press pages 35-114 came yesterday afternoon, for which I am obliged. I shall be glad to receive the 2d signature, and signatures following the 6th as early as possible, as the delay in getting out the book is going to make a big difference in its sale on the West Coast.

As you apparently went to press with signatures 3-6 without submitting a final proof, at least three errors have crept in: page 35, end of 2d line, the comma after Ah-ha-le should have been dug out with a jack knife; page 36, first line of 2d paragraph, after "Chief To-to-kar-no answered;" the punctuation should have been : instead of () ; and on page 81 the page reference in the footnote should have been 229 instead of 238. You will remember that you transposed the Ho-ha-pa story after the first page proof was sent me, thus calling for a change in the footnote reference to it on p 81. I hope that these corrections may still be made, but fear the edition has been run.

Am anxiously awaiting the remainder of the final pages with corrected pagination, so I can correct and send you the Index.

Very truly yours,

C. M. Robertson

Feb. 16, 1910

Mr G. M. Robertson
The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Dear Sir:

Your post-card of the 14th and pages 17 to 34 and 115 to 204 reached me this afternoon. I have not yet had time to read this but have noticed a serious error in the first word of the story on page 179, which is printed Oh-ha-le instead of Ah-ha-le. This was corrected in the proof returned to you just a month ago (on Jan. 17), but evidently was overlooked by your printer.

Hastily,

C. M. H. H. H.

February 17, 1910

Harry B. Chase, Esq.,
Riverside, Calif.

Dear Mr. Chase:

Herewith I am sending you by registered mail the slides you wanted of Mt. Whitney and adjacent parts of the High Sierra, as seen from Lone Pine. Please accept them with my compliments.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Feb. 13, 1910

The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Signatures 12 and 13 of the Dawn of the World arrived today, necessitating only a few changes in the pagination of Index references. These I have made, and I have already sent you the Index, special delivery, so you should have it some hours before this reaches you.

Respectfully,

A. H. Clark

February 19, 1910

Mr Arthur H. Clark

President The A. H. C. Co.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the six sets of illustrations, which came yesterday. Some of them are very good; others disappointing. It is hard of course to get first class results from this kind of paper; still with good ink, careful press work, and skilful over-laying several of these could be greatly improved. In case another edition should ever be needed I should like to take charge of the reproduction of the illustrations--on your paper, of course.

In the legend under the colored plate of The Orphan boys killing ducks and geese by the River, a t has dropped out, so that the last words are "ate hem".

The legend has not been printed on the frontispiece(to read: Recital of the Ancient Myths in the Roundhouse).

If the edition of the map has not been run, please have a little more cleaning done around the tribal names Olamentko (on the coast) and Hulpumne (just south of Sacramento). The latter name now appears to read Wulpumne--caused by a single oblique line in front of the H.

Kindly return the original of the map with the other originals, as I am likely to want to use it later in another connection.

On page 162 the name Ol-lus muk-ki-e has got jammed up so that it reads Ol-lusmuk-ki-e.

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Your proof reader, Mr Robertson, in a letter received yesterday, makes some exceedingly silly remarks about delay and expense caused by my "constant demand of proofs". When he suffers from attacks of this kind he should seek relief with someone less familiar with the business of printing and publishing. That I have asked for revise a number of times I do not deny, but with the single exception of some pages in the second part, the make-up of which was wholly changed, I have not received anything but one galley and one page proof. If there is any way by which an author can read fewer proofs than these two, I never heard of it. In fact, in doing editorial work and proof reading for 25 to 30 years with a number of publishers, this is the first experience I have ever had in receiving fewer than three proofs of everything. Had I had the usual number of proofs a number of errors now in the printed pages would have been avoided.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Hurian

The Arthur H. Clark Co. Feb. 21, 1910
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am returning by express,
prepaid, the copy of Merrick's Old Times
on the Upper Mississippi, which you sent
me some time ago in connection with the
preparation of the Index to my book of
Mewan Myths.

Respectfully,

C. Hart

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1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.
March 11, 1910.

Charles S. Scoville Esq.,
153 Church Street, New Haven.

Dear Sir:

On returning home I find your letter suggesting an offer of \$40,000 for the store property 798 Chapel Street, New Haven.

Inasmuch as the property is taxed on an assessed valuation of \$47,600 you can readily see that no such offer could be entertained.

The property is not on the market and we have not been looking for a purchaser, but since you ask me to name a price which would be considered, I will say \$55,000 (fifty five thousand).

Respectfully,

C. H. Hoadley
Executor and Trustee
Estate of F.H.Hoadley.

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1919 16th Street,
Washington
March 11, 1910

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th inst, enclosing check for \$160.51 on account collection of store rent, and renewed Insurance policies, with receipted bill for same.

In a few days I will send you the account.

Charles S. Scoville of 153 Church Street has written me offering \$40,000 for the Chapel Street store, and I have replied by this mail that we would consider an offer of \$55,000.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hoadley

1919--16th Street
Washington, D.C.
March 15, 1910.

C. E. Pickett, Esq.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account as Executor of the Hoadley Estate for the year ending March 19, 1910, and shall be obliged if you will kindly make the copy for filing in the Probate Court.

Please examine the account very carefully, and if you find any errors, make the necessary corrections.

Owing to the change in date of paying first half of taxes, I am obliged to pay out of this year's income the first half of next year's taxes. As the account stands no account is taken of this, although the money has been actually paid, diminishing the cash on hand by \$416.50. I don't know that this makes any particular difference except as a matter of bookkeeping, although it would seem better to have the account express the exact facts. There occur to me two ways by which this might be accomplished--either to change the date of rendering the account (say to January 1 or February 1), or to add a clause stating "Reserved to pay taxes", and deduct the amount so reserved from the cash balance. What do you think about this?

Thanks for the Heli receipts, which arrived this morning.

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H.

1919--16th Street
Washington, D.C.

March 15, 1910.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Many thanks for your two letters of yesterday regarding the proposed sale of the Chapel Street Store. I am very glad to know that the property has increased in value and shall, in accordance with your advice, decline to sell at the price previously suggested.

Very truly yours

C. H. H. H.

Herewith I am enclosing check for \$75 in payment of services for second half of year.

Dear Mr Cory:

March 19, 1909

Pardon my delay in replying again to your last letter about my mammal collection. I have felt all along that in the event of disposing of the collection the first chance belonged to the National Museum. If they could not arrange for it I would be free to go elsewhere. So I laid the matter before Mr Walcott. He asked me to wait a little until he could see certain persons, from whom he expected an answer a week or ten days ago. He now expects a definite decision within a week.

If he should not succeed in obtain-

ing the collection for the National Museum, I assure you that the Field Museum shall have the next chance.

Very truly yours,

C. B. Cory

Mr Charles B. Cory,
Field Museum of
Natural History.

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March 20, 1910

Mr Arthur H. Clark,
President A. H. C. Co.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In case it is your custom to send books for review I would suggest that The Dawn of the World be sent to the following:

F. W. Hodge, Editor American Anthropologist, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Prof. Franz Boas, Editor Journal of American Folk-Lore, Columbia
University, New York.

Prof. J. McK. Cattell, Editor of Science and of Popular Science
Monthly, Garrison-on-Hudson, New York.

Charles F. Lummis, Editor Out West, Los Angeles, Calif.

Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Editor National Geographic Magazine, Washing-
ton, D. C.

It might be worth while also to send it to Sunset Magazine,
the Argonaut, and the Sierra Club Bulletin, San Francisco, Calif.; and
possibly to the Pacific Monthly and the Portland Oregonian.

I am mentioning only such as I imagine not likely to be on
your regular list.

Respectfully,

C. Hart

March 20, 1910.

Mr Arthur H. Clark
President A. H. C. Co.

Dear Sir:

As soon as The Dawn of the World is out I shall be obliged if you will send me 25 additional copies, and also send copies with my card to the following:

Miss Arnie Alexander, 1006 16th Street, Oakland, Calif.
Mrs J.A. Allen, 202 West 103d Street, New York City.
Dr. C.L. Bagg, 26 West 46th Street, New York City.
S.A. Barrett, Public Museum, Milwaukee, Wis.
Dr Herman Bumpus, Director Am. Museum Natural History, New York.
William Brewster, 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Mass.
Mrs Frank M. Chapman, Engelwood, New Jersey.
Napoleon A. Comeau, Godbout, P.Q., Canada.
Frank Conser, Supt. Indian School, Riverside, Calif.
Charles B. Cory, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.
Miss Aimee DeTurbeville, 1635 Mason Street, San Francisco, Calif.
Prof. Roland Dixon, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
Miss Constance Goddard DuBois, Waterbury, Conn.
Dr Pliny Goddard, University, Berkeley, Calif.
Judge Theodore Hittell, 808 Turk Street, San Francisco, Calif.
Charles J. Hittell " " "
Mrs Phoebe Hearst, Pleasanton, Calif.
C. E. Kelsey, San Jose, Calif.
Dr A. L. Kroeber, Affiliated Colleges, San Francisco, Calif.

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William Keith, 2207 Atherton Street, Berkeley, Calif.
Miss Mailliard, 1815 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, Calif.
Dr J.C. Merriam, 2401 Bowditch Street, Berkeley, Calif.
Frank A. Miller, Mission Inn, Riverside, Calif.
John Muir, Martinez, Calif.
Dr S.J. Mixter, 180 Marlboro Street, Boston.
W. H. Osgood, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.
Miss Mary Elizabeth Parsons, Kentfield, Marin Co., Calif.
Geo. W. Stewart, Visalia, Calif.
Gerald H. Thayer, Monadnock, New Hampshire.
Mr Oldfield Thomas, British Museum Natural History, South Kensington, London W, England.
Mrs Alice Richardson, Glenwood Hotel, Riverside, Calif.
Please send me bill for these 56 copies.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hittell

1919 16th Street
Washington, D.C.
March 22, 1910

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for yours of the 21st enclosing duplicate copy of
Hoadley Estate account for filing. The amount paid Heli is entered
as 449 instead of 499. I have corrected this and have executed
the account and am returning same herewith for filing.

Next year we will try to close the account on January 1 and
thus avoid the present tax complication.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

March 25, 1910

Mr Charles D. Rood,
President, Am. Telegraphone Co.
Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

My dear Sir:

On returning home this evening I find your letter of yesterday, expressing a desire that I serve as one of the Trustees of the American Telegraphone Co.

My personal affairs have just taken a new turn, and in such a direction that it will not be proper for me to assume a business position. I shall continue however to take the deepest interest in the Telegraphone and have suggested to Dr Holmes (who has just called) the name of E.W.Nelson, a man who has been associated with me for twenty years.

March 29, 1910

The Arthur H. Clark Co.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to yours of the 22d: Out West is still a-going, but I see by the February number that the Editor is now C.L. Edholm instead of Chas. F. Lummis.

I mentioned the National Geographic Magazine because it has a circulation of upwards of 60,000 copies and would be likely to give the book a good review.

By the way, when will the book be out?

Respectfully,

C. Hart-Hurman

March 29, 1910

Houghton Mifflin Company

Dear Sirs:

If the type of the last number of the Journal of American Folk-Lore has not been distributed, I shall be obliged if you will kindly print and send me, with bill for same, 75 separates of my note on Transmigration, on pages 433-434.

Respectfully,

C. Hart-Hurman

1919--16th Street
Washington, D.C.
April 3, 1910.

Dear Seton:

At odd times for four months I have been reading your Life Histories of Northern Mammals and have only just finished it. I had hoped to do this long ago, but you have written an infernally big book and my time, as you know, is not my own.

During the reading I have experienced all sorts of emotions--from the greatest pleasure to quite the reverse; besides I have derived considerable amusement, and not a few additions to my stock of knowledge.

You make some excellent generalizations--as when you say (p 25) "the environment is the creator of the animal, the mould in which each species was cast"; but you sometimes forget to explain--as when you add, "therefore no two can have exactly the same environment." Many associated species have the same distribution and environment, as you of course know full well. Were it not so there would be no Life Zones and no Faunal Areas.

Again (p 27) you assert that the habit of storing food is so general among the higher animals that it is probably common to all except the Horned Ruminants!

Then you have a whole lot to say, both in the introduction and at intervals throughout the book, about monogamy, polygamy, the Ten Commandments, Vice, Crime, Suicide, and so on. It seems a pity to

blemish so good a book with such twaddle.

On page 31 you say "the enjoyment of the Pack-rat in its pile of glittering baubles is founded. . . on the love of the beautiful". When you wrote this you evidently did not stop to think that the Wood-rat gathers its pile of rubbish, not to look at or admire, but to protect it from its enemies.

On what ground do you assert that the circle-trotting of the Elk (described on p 53) "has obvious relation either to the sexual instinct or to hygiene"?

Equally surprising is the statement (p 54) that the White-tail "is the most successful of all our Deer," accompanied by the assumption that it "is the least polygamous".

And are you not pushing a good thing pretty far when you claim (p 56) that a cold or an attack of indigestion is reflected in the growing antlers of the Elk?

Have you authentic weights of actual White-tailed Deer from Virginia to back up the statement that they are only about half the weight of the Northern White-tail?

I see that you follow W.J. Long in enumerating the Fisher among the "most dangerous" enemies of the Deer!

How did you find out that the leader of a winter band of Black-tail "is the great Grandmother of most of them"?

Did you not for the moment forget how the Cougar hunts when you wrote that the snow betrays the Mule Deer to the Mountain Lion?

Your credulity in publishing the yarn about a man alleged to have crawled up to and caught a sleeping Mule-deer by the hind leg, and then killed it with his knife, reminds me of some remarks by the late Professor Shaler. . .

When did the Newfoundland Caribou turn white?(p 192).

Is'nt it straining things a little, even in a mosquito country, to attribute the seasonal migration of the Caribou to the annoyance of insect pests?

What do the "leaves and shoots of the Provident sactus" look like? (p 100) I would like to know so as to be on the lookout for them when I go west in a few weeks.

Did'nt the Printer's Devil ball up your generic characters of the Foxes? Perhaps he merely transposed the matter on the Kit Fox which now comes before its own generic diagnosis(which latter is given under regalis on page 706).

In the case of many of the illustrations, including photographs, neither the species nor the locality from which the animal came is mentioned; this is unfortunate but easily corrected in a new edition.

The remark that "There can be no doubt that at first animals were hermaphrodite" is unfortunate.

Both in the introduction and in the body of the work there is too much humanizing of your animals--too many acts attributed to human reasoning. This is all right enough in your admirable animal novels but I hate to see it in a work of scientific merit.

Enough in the way of criticism. Despite its blemishes--and

blemishes always occur in works of of magnitude--you have produced a book of great value and one which is bound to be used for a century or two after you and I are under the sod. In addition to the multitude of well-selected quotations from published works you have contributed a wealth of material from your own notes, and from unpublished original observations placed at your disposal.

One feature of ~~the book~~ which I am very glad to see is the emphasis you lay on the small home range of the animals. This is very true although contrary to common belief. The data you have brought together on the dates of mating and breeding will cause the book to be much referred to for this kind of information, which heretofore has been widely scattered and in many cases difficult to find.

Besides, your clever way of expressing yourself makes the book easy to read and gives it a distinct literary tone; and the flood of illustrations from your own pen and brush add immensely to its practical value as well as to its attractiveness. Many of the pictures, particularly those of certain of the game animals, are beautiful compositions.

I congratulate you most heartily on your achievement in producing so useful a work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 7, 1910

The Arthur H. Clark Co.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Please add to my order of March 20
10 more additional copies of The Dawn of
the World, to be sent me here, making in
all 66 copies to be paid for by me.

Respectfully,

C. Kent Harrison

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

April 8, 1910.

Mr. C. C. Tegethoff

475 Fifth Ave.

New York City.

Dear Mr. Tegethoff:

Many thanks for your letter of the 7 inst. enclosing Mrs. Harriman's check for ten thousand dollars in full payment for my Mammal Collection, which she has so kindly purchased and presented to the Smithsonian Institution.

The statement on the receipt describing the collection is not exactly accurate. It should read:

Skins of Mammals. 5,800

Skeletons 100

Skulls (including 235 of seals) about 6,000

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart

April 8, 1910.

Dear Mr. Cory:

My Mammal Collection, comprising upwards of 5,800 skins and 6,000 skulls (including 84 types, 100 complete skeletons, and 235 seal skulls), has today been purchased and presented to the National Museum.

I regret not having been able to write you earlier, and also not having enough collections to go round.

Thanking you for your kindly interest in the matter

Very truly yours

Mr. Chas. B. Cory

April 9, 1910.

Mr. W. de C. Ravenel

U. S. National Museum.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting a letter and photograph from Mrs. T. A. Roseberry, of Susanville, California, respecting certain Wido baskets which she wishes to sell. I am interested in the matter and will take it up with her.

Very truly yours

C. Hart

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

April 12, 1910.

Miss Maria H. Bradley

713 West Tenth Street

Los Angeles, California.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Thanks for your letter of March 30 giving your present address.

I regret to learn that your sister is in such poor health .

Today I received notice from New Haven that my account as Executor of the Hoadley estate for the year ending March 19, 1910, has been approved and accepted by the Probate Court.

Herewith I enclose \$800. in two checks: one of \$500. in payment of balance due you for year ending March 19, 1910; the other of \$300, the same being your quarterly annuity for the first quarter of 1910. Please sign and return the accompanying receipts.

Please do not fail to keep me informed as to your address. I expect to be in California at the time your next payment falls due and shall have to know your address a little in advance in order that the check may reach you on time.

With kind regards

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Executor and Trustee, Hoadley Estate.

Los Angeles, California

April 15, 1910

Received of C. Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee, Estate of F. H. Hoadley, deceased, the sum of \$500.04 , the same being balance due me of annuity for year ending March 19, 1910, I having previously received \$1200 in quarterly payments, making in all for the year \$ 1700.04.

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

April 25, 1910.

The Arthur H. Clark Co.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of April 21 telling me to whom review copies of The Dawn of the World have been sent.

Herewith I enclose check for \$63.75 in payment of accompanying bills and also for fifteen (15) additional copies of the book.

In sending these copies I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have some one look at the bindings carefully to see that they are perfect. All of the copies heretofore received have had imperfections of some kind in the bindings--bubbles, spots, paste, scratches, or bruised corners. Practically every copy has had a scratch on the back of the binding below the middle. The last copies were not boxed and the corners were badly jammed in transit so as to be unfit for presentation.

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Respectfully,

E. H. Clark

April 27, 1910

Clarence M. Smith & Co.

64 Wall Street, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for \$135 for
which please send me fifteen shares Tele-
post, Series A, with convertibles, at \$9.00
as per your letter of the 25th inst.

Resp.

C. M. Smith

April 30, 1910.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Your letter of the 15th inst. distresses me, as I have no stomach for a country home with a right-of-way splitting it in two--
 the more particularly since ^{said} right of way would pass directly in front of the house.

The water question also is most serious as a home without ample water for bath room and other purposes could not be thought of.

However, I expect to see you in two or three weeks and hope that we can go over the ground together and see if there is any way out of the difficulty.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Mailliard Esq.

April 30, 1910.

Dear Prof. Wolcott:

Thanks for your letter about Mr. Shoemaker.

I expect to see him in Chicago on my way to California, probably in about two weeks.

The bears remain about as when you were here, as I have had so much administrative work to do lately that I have not been able to get at them.

With kind regards

Very truly yours,

Prof. Robert H. Wolcott
 Lincoln, Nebraska.

April 30, 1910.

Frank H. Shoemaker
2960 Dewey Ave., Omaha.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. was a disappointment to me, as I had hoped to see you before going west. I expect to be in California before the date you mention, May 27.

If however you will give me your Chicago address I shall try to see you on my way west.

Very truly yours,

April 30, 1910.

Dear Doctor Bumpus:

Thanks for your letter of the 25th. I am glad you like the appearance of my book of Mewan Myths and hope you may find some of the stories interesting.

You and the Chapmans must have had a memorable trip in Mexico and Yucatan. Wish I could have been with you. Your collection of blankets must be wonderful. Sometime I hope you will show it to me.

As to my basket collection: Yes, I have thought of its future a good many times and have always come back to the same position, namely, that it ought eventually to go to one or the other of two places-- the

National Museum or the American Museum.

My first preference naturally is for the National Museum, as I am to live here and need it in my work until I have published on it. Besides, it is not yet complete and I expect to add to it materially during the next few years.

Through the extreme kindness of some of my friends, particularly Charles Sheldon and Mrs. E. H. Harriman, I am hereafter to enjoy the priceless privilege of devoting my time and energies to scientific work--instead of as now to administrative work. This I trust will enable me in a few years to turn out some volumes of results.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. C. Bumpus, Director
American Museum of Natural History

May 1, 1910.

The Houghton Mifflin Company.

Dear Sirs:

On March 29 I wrote you asking if I could secure separates of my note on 'Transmigration' published in the Oct-Dec. number of the Journal of American Folk Lore, pp. 433-434. I have had no reply to this letter.

If separates are not obtainable I shall be obliged if you will send me two copies of the magazine, with bill for same.

Respectfully,

May 5, 1910

Mr Percy C. Madeira,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr Madeira:

Very many thanks for your beautiful
book, which came several days ago.

Hollister is interested in what you
say about the Oryx, and this evening I
shall show your letter and the book to
Heller, who has just returned from the
Roosevelt expedition and who will probably
write the Mammal report. (This for the
present is confidential.)

No hurry about the Newfoundland bear
skull, but I shall be very glad to see it.

With many thanks,

Very truly yours,

d. H. S. Miller

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d. H. S. Miller

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.
May 9, 1910

Clarence M. Smith & Co.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to yours of the 2d inst, would say that you may keep my check of \$135 for 15 Telepost Series A with convertibles until the end of this week. If not secured by that time, kindly return my check.

You have not replied to my inquiry as to the figure at which you can supply Am. Telegraphone.

Respectfully,

C. H. Lorsch

May 9, 1910

Sussfeld, Lorsch & Co

37 Maiden Lane, New York.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for yours of the 7th inst, and for your promptness in sending the 6 power Busch Stellux Binoc, which arrived this morning. Two of my assistants are so well pleased with it that they wish me to duplicate the order for them. I shall be obliged therefore if you will send me two more just like the one just received. I

I herewith enclose my check for \$81.00 in payment for the three.

Kindly send three separate receipts, one to H. W. Henshaw, one to Vernon Bailey, and the third to myself.

Respectfully,

C. H. Lorsch

1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.
May 11, 1910

Clarence M. Smith & Co.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 10th Inst recd., together with Telepost certificate 4128 for fifteen shares stock and convertibles #3909, 1, 2, and 3, all of which I am returning herewith by registered mail with the request that you have the same transferred to my name. If a small fee is charged for this service I am willing to pay same.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 14, 1910.

The N.M. Minnix Co.
1411 G Street

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of yesterday,
enclosing diagrams of the two Dick Safes
ordered by me, the last one to be delivered
not later than June 6, would say that the same
seem to be entirely correct.

The safes should be delivered in
apartment # 701 The Northumberland, on New
Hampshire Avenue just above U Street.

The cost of the two safes delivered
I understand to be \$181.73.

Respectfully,

C. H. Minnix

May 17, 1910

Swartzell, Rheem & Hensley Co.
727 15th Street, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I return lease of apartment #701 The Northumberland, and shall be obliged if you will send me a duplicate for filing.

I have stricken out the word dwelling, as my purpose is not to secure an additional dwelling but a private study for literary and scientific work, as explained to your agent.

I have also stricken out the extraordinary clause providing a waiver for damages in case of injury or destruction of my property thro' negligence or carelessness of agents of the party of the first part.

Respectfully,

C. Hartman

May 17, 1910

Dear Dr Walcott:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th inclosing copy of the agreement between the Smithsonian Institution and Mrs Mary W. Harriman providing an annual income of \$12,000 for my scientific work.

I feel that both the Smithsonian and myself are to be congratulated upon the outcome.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Harriman

Hon. Charles D. Walcott,
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

COPY

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 13th day of May, One thousand nine hundred and ten, By and Between the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, party of the first part, And Mary W. Harriman, of Arden, in the State of New York, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: WHEREAS, the party of the second part has entered into an agreement with The FARMERS LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY of New York, bearing even date with this Agreement, whereby she has created a certain Trust Fund and by the terms of which Agreement it is provided that an annual income of Twelve Thousand Dollars, arising from the said Trust Fund, shall be paid to the party of the first part hereto and by it applied to the purposes and in the manner provided for in this Agreement; and it becomes necessary, therefore, to provide for the application and disposition of the said income accordingly:

NOW, THEREFORE, this Agreement WITNESSETH:

First: That the said party of the first part will pay out of the said annual income of Twelve thousand Dollars, to C. Hart Merriam, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, the sum of Five thousand Dollars per annum, in equal monthly payments so long as he is able to and does in fact take charge of and direct his scientific investigations and research work, as hereinafter described.

SECOND: That of the remainder of the said income the sum of Seven thousand Dollars will be expended by the party of the first part, with the approval of the said C. Hart Merriam and in such amounts and manner as he may direct, in the promotion of his scientific work and the continuation of his investigations in Natural

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History and Ethnology, and the preparation of his results for publication, particularly such results as will be embodied in books on the mammals of North America.

THIRD: In the event of the death or disability of the said C. Hart Merriam to continue and direct such investigations and work, any unexpended balance remaining on hand at that time shall be used by the party of the first part in the preparation of such materials as may be on hand for permanent preservation or publication.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part has caused these presents to be signed by its Secretary, and its seal to be hereto affixed, and the party of the second part has hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Witnesses:

(Signed) H. W. Dorsey

James G. Traylor

(Signed) Charles D. Walcott (Seal)
Secretary
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

C. C. Tegethoff

H. L. Quantin

Mary W. Harriman

May 18, 1910.

My dear Miss Pollard:

You are a long time in coming back, which leads me to fear you are making yourself too useful to your brother.

It seems to me that a change of climate is absolutely necessary for your continued health and happiness. On this assumption I should be very happy to exchange one hundred and twenty-five dollars for one month of your services--provided you are able to come in the very near future.

Hoping for a favorable reply, and with kindest regards to you all

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

May 18, 1910.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I am sending you a schedule entitled: Taxable List of Estate F.H. Hoadley just received from the New Haven Board of Assessors. I have filled in nothing but the assessors valuation, \$47,600. and have indicated in pencil under owners valuation \$52,000--this subject to your judgment. Would it not be better to call it \$50,000?

The printed statement at bottom of schedule includes under property "liable to taxation" all bonds, notes, &c. except such as are by statute exempted. What are these exemptions, and are the notes and bonds of an estate of this kind subject to taxation?

As the only note held by the estate represents indebtedness to the estate I suppose it is not taxable. Nor do I see how any of the bonds could be taxable with the possible exception of the Conn. Railway and Lighting Co. However, you will know about this and I shall be greatly obliged if you will attend to the schedule and file the same as Agent of the Estate.

I have just purchased one Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Bond 4% gen. mtg. due 1995, int April and October, for \$997.61.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

Mr. C. E. Pickett

New Haven, Conn.

Frank H. Shoemaker Esq.
135 Adams Street, Chicago.

May 19, 1910

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th.
Owing to unforeseen delays I am likely to be
kept here until the first week in June, but
shall surely call on you when passing through
Chicago.

Very truly yours
A. H. Mailliard

May 19, 1910.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th inst.
I am very glad to know that the proposed
expansion of my Lagunitas dotlet appears
more practical than when you previously
wrote. We have no desire to run opposi-
tion to the redwoods as skyscrapers, and
shall be very well content with an humble
two-story affair.

Matters profoundly affecting my future--
which I will tell you about later-- have
prevented me from completing my study of the
bear skulls, which must be returned to their
respective owners before I leave. I fear
therefore that I shall not reach Lagunitas
before June 10.

May 19, 1910

Mr Maynard Dixon
17 East 59th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

For several years I have been wanting to connect with you, and have twice written you, but without success, and only last Sunday learned your address from Mr Aiken.

You once made a picture for an Indian myth, showing Coyote-man dancing at night. It was published in Out West, and set me wishing that I might sometime get you to illustrate some of my Indian stories.

If you would like to do this, will you kindly give me your terms for pen, wash, and colored drawings suitable for reproduction in octavo size? *Very truly yours*

Seton's Book

One feature which I am glad to see is the emphasis you lay on the small home range of animals. For many years I have been finding out the fallacy of the notion that individual land mammals travel great distances from the place where they were born. Those that do so are the exception, not the rule. Another useful feature is the information on the dates of mating and breeding--information which heretofore has been widely scattered and in many cases difficult to find. In addition to the multitude of well-selected quotations from published works and from unpublished ^{notes} placed at your disposal by others, you have contributed from your own personal observations a wealth of material which in connection with the flood of illustrations from your own pen and brush give the book a unique stamp--a distinct Setonian flavor. I congratulate you most heartily on your achievement, for in spite of your leanings toward monogamy, polygamy, suicide, and the Ten Commandments you have produced a book of real value and one which is bound to be used for a century or two after you and I are under the sod.

Ernest T. Seton

June 18, 1910.

Mr C. E. Pickett,
Agent, Estate of F.H. Hoadley,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby authorized to sign and
file the Tax List for the Hoadley Estate.

Respectfully,

C. H. Hoadley
Executor & Trustee.

June 18, 1910.

Collector of Taxes,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I hereby authorize C. E. Pickett of New
Haven, Agent of the Estate of F. H. Hoadley,
to sign and file the Tax List of the Hoadley
Estate, as my attorney.

Respectfully,

C. H. Hoadley
Executor and sole surviv-
ing Trustee, Estate of F.
H. Hoadley.

June 24, 1910.

Alvin W. Krech, Esq.
President, Equitable Trust Co.

Dear Sir:

As Trustee of an Estate I hold two
Buffalo & Susquehanna Bonds, 1st Ref. 4s.

If you have published any circular
or other information about these I should
be greatly obliged for a copy.

Respectfully,

C. Hart

1919--16th Street

Washington, D.C.

July 5, 1910.

Lyman Rhodes Esq., Secretary

15 Nassau Street, New York.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of June 27 concerning Buffalo-Susquehanna Railroad Company's 1st Refunding 4% Mtg. Bonds, and for your circular of agreement dated May 4, 1910, and circular of June 28 addressed to holders of these bonds. Acting on your suggestion I enclose herewith for deposit with the Bondholder's Protective Committee two of said bonds (nos. 7735 & 8772) with July coupons attached, which I hold as Trustee.

Kindly send certificate of deposit, and oblige,

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

1919--16th Street
Washington, D.C.
July 7, 1910.

Lyman Rhoades, Esq.
Secretary Equitable Trust Co.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst. I shall be obliged if you will have the certificate of deposit for the two Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad Bonds sent you by me on the 5th inst. made out simply in my individual name.

Respectfully,

C. H. H. H. H.

1919 16th Street

Washington, D.C.

July 12, 1910.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Thanks for yours of the 8th inst. with check for \$200. on account of rent of the Chapel Street store, Hoadley Estate.

Enclosed herewith is an order of notice directing me to appear before the director of Public Works of New Haven on the 19th inst. in the matter of the threatened widening of Chapel street.

Just what does this mean, and can you attend to it?

Very truly yours,

Mr. C. E. Pickett

New Haven. Conn.

C. E. Pickett

Nov. 23, 1910.

Mr. Maynard Dixon,
Mile Square Road,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

The three drawings you sent me to San Francisco I found on my return to the city on my way home but ~~was~~ not have time to write you.

I regret that you did not send preliminary sketches as requested, since then it would have been much easier to make the needed corrections. The general effect of the drawings I like very much. They are full of power and have the desired mystic atmosphere, but there are certain details which need changing, for instance, in the drawing of the Kingfisher-man, the King-

fisher is admirable, but the people at the bottom are drawn as real human beings, whereas they were animal and bird men, before the creation of real people. They ought to have enough of the animal added so that they would not appear as modern people. Otherwise, the drawing is entirely satisfactory.

In the drawing of Kibbalakwe thrusting his spear down the throat of the rattlesnake, the beak is much too long, suggesting the mask of the Flingit Indians of south-eastern Alaska. Kibbalakwe is the ^{man} hawk which has a shorter but more strongly hooked beak. Otherwise, the picture is excellent except that he should have had wings, as the story calls for him in flight. The long hair is particularly fine.

obliged to you for making the price so reasonable.
With congratulations upon the advent of your first-born, and best wishes for the health of the little one and its mother,
Very truly yours,
S. H. J. [Signature]

I am returning the three drawings to you by express and trust that you will be able to make the alterations suggested.

Herewith I enclose my check for

\$75 in payment for these drawings and I am

and also the sun headdress are great.

The general picture would be admirable. The general composition, attitudes, and light effects, and also the sun headdress are great.

You could make these figures a little less human and change the Plains headdress, the

wholly foreign to California Indians. If

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Klimtooe addressing Dokko, the sun god, all

the personages except the moon are too hu-

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a headdress of the Plains Indians- a type

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Nov. 26, 1910.

Dr. A. L. Kroeber,
Affiliated Colleges,
San Francisco.

Dear Dr. Kroeber:

Your letter of the 14th instant is at hand and I hasten to assure you of the entire correctness of your assumption that I am with you for San Francisco as the Exposition city in 1915. It goes without saying that I shall do all in my feeble power to help.

I expected to see you before leaving San Francisco but made a mistake of nearly two weeks in the date of the annual meeting of the American Ornithologist Union, and was obliged to hurry home without seeing a

number of my San Francisco friends. In case you come East during the winter I shall be very glad to see you and show you what I am doing in my new offices.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Chas. S. Aiken,
San Francisco.

Nov. 28, 1910.

Dear Mr. Aiken:

Owing to a blunder on my part I had to leave San Francisco without seeing you. I made a mistake of two weeks in the date of the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union and discovered it so late that I was obliged to pack up and rush home without seeing you and a number of my other San Francisco friends.

Please accept my apologies therefore and kindly explain to any inquiring friends. I was particularly sorry to miss seeing Mrs. Aiken and the sculptor, Putnam, and also Ophelia when I wanted to persuade to make a full moon drawing to illustrate one of my Indian

stories. I hope to return to California in the early spring, however, and shall then try to make amends for lost time.

When are you coming to Washington? I trust you will bring Mrs. Aiken and the young man and that we shall have the pleasure of seeing much of you while you are here. With kindest regards and regrets to Mrs. Aiken.

Very truly yours,

C. S. Aiken

Dec. 2, 1910.

Johnson & Morris,
509 11th St.
Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check for \$2.35 in payment of accompanying bill for fixing up the broke pipe of my furnace.

The new furnace you put in last year is a fine disinfied structure and a good consumer of coal, but when it comes to the real purpose for which it was put in-- that of heating the house-- it is a dismal and complete failure. Take today for example, the fire was shaken down before 6 this morning and from 8 o'clock until the present time (1:30) the water has been kept

at a temperature ranging from 175 to 180 and yet the temperature in my library, the room which you know we use more than all other rooms in the house together, has not yet reached 60 and has been at 55 during most of the forenoon.

Since my return from California we have been obliged to keep a fire going in the library fireplace every cool day in order to live in the room.

I think you will agree with me that this is hardly to be considered a satisfactory result. You will remember that in addition to the furnace you made a considerable alteration in the piping leading to the front part of the house, at my expense. This, however, seems to have made no difference whatever in the heating.

With your experience and skill in the heating business, do you not think you could manage to elevate the temperature of my parlor and library at least a few degrees?

Very truly yours,

C. W. Williams

Dec. 5, 1910.

Dr. William F. Bade,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bade:

Mr. Colby was right in telling you that I had promised an article on Sierra Mammals for the Sierra Club Bulletin, but I regret exceedingly that it will not be possible for me to give it to you in time for the next issue of the Bulletin.

I made a beginning on this article two or three years ago and have part of the manuscript now ready. The chief difficulty is that it is desirable to have the introductory remarks come at the beginning of the first article instead of at the end of the last. And it is necessary to have the thing complete before the introduction can be written.

The text I am writing to, however, is not so broad as the Sierra is long. Mammals of the Yosemite National Park would probably be the proper title.

Since my return I have been so overwhelmed with all sorts of things that thus far it has been impossible to begin any advance work. During the next month or six weeks, however, I hope to catch up.

Regretting that I can not furnish the article as soon as you wish, I remain with kind regards,

Very truly yours,

C. W. Williams

Dec. 6, 1910.

Dear Dr. Jordan:

In view of recent events I want to express the hope that Stanford University will not lose your guiding hand by reason of the noble work for the peace of the world to which you have been recently called, and in which you have already done such splendid work.

When I saw Orville Wright make his first flight at Fort Meyer a little more than two years ago, I was deeply impressed with the feeling that the advent of the flying machine might be made the lever to lift the seething war pot off the fire. At all events the present seems an opportune time to preach the gospel of peace to all the civilized world, for, irrespective of moral

reasons, the time has arrived when the possibilities of war are too terrible for contemplation, and the plain duty of the nations seems to be to unite in policing the waters of the earth for the prevention of international crime and the enforcement of universal peace.

Very truly yours,

C. Starr Jordan

Dr. David Starr Jordan,
President Leland Stanford University.

Dec. 6, 1910.

My Dear Miss Nicholson:

When your letter of Sept. 22 reached me on my return to San Francisco I expected to see you in Pasadena before returning East. But owing to a meeting of Ornithologists here in Washington, I was obliged to come home without visiting southern California.

Mr. Hartman called on me later and left his card but I did not learn that he was stopping at the same hotel until a day or two afterward when it proved too late.

You must have had a fine field trip yourself and I shall be glad to see your catch.

Yes, I secured some data on the distribution of elk in Del Norte County. I have

known of them in this corner of the state for a number of years.

We are now having the first real snow storm of the season. About a foot has fallen today.

With best wishes for a pleasant winter.

Very truly yours,

C. Starr Jordan

Miss Grace Nicholson,
46 N. Los Rebles Ave.,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dec. 6, 1910.

Mr. F. M. Censer,
Supt. Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Calif.

My Dear Mr. Censer:

Unfortunately I was called back from California to attend a meeting of Ornithologists in this city and was unable to visit southern California. I hope for better luck next season. Still I have nothing to complain of since I secured a fine lot of valuable material including some excellent photographs of Indians which I shall be much pleased to have an opportunity of showing you, if, as I hope, you and Mrs. Censer are coming en here this winter.

With kindest regards to you both in which Mrs. Merriam joins.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 6, 1910.

Mr. D. R. Hirschler,
South Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter about Indian baskets came while I was still at work in California. I am now in Washington for the winter but expect to return to California in the spring and could then look over your collection. I am interested in California baskets but do not pay fancy prices.

Respectfully,

Dec. 7, 1910.

Dr. Frank Overton,
Patchogue, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Overton:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant inquiring about my vest pocket camera, I would state:

(1). The camera is called the Ensignette and is made in London. I purchased mine through G. Gennert, 24 E. 13th St., New York at a cost of \$27.50 duty paid.

(2). The films come 6 on a spool and cost from 22 to 25 cents a spool in this country.

(3). The camera is simple and easy to operate but the films are not by any means equal to our Eastman film. They seem a little dead.

(4). The pictures enlarge easily to

3 1-4 X 5 1-2 and some of them to 7 or 8 inches the longest way. With a better film they should all enlarge to 10 inches without loss.

I was much interested in the autochrome slides as shown by Mr. Harper at the A. O. U. meeting but they were so thick that the pictures did not show up well.

Very truly yours,

O. Westermann

Mr. W. P. Tayler,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dec. 6, 1910.

My Dear Mr. Tayler:

It will give me much pleasure to

send you such of my mammal separates as still remain for distribution. Some have been long out of print but I still have a goodly number. These will go to you as seen as I have time to pick them out which will be within a few days.

With kindest regards to you all.

Very truly yours,

O. Westermann

Dec. 7, 1910.

Hon. R. E. Young,
Dept. of Interior,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:

Would it be possible for me to obtain
a copy of your recently issued Report of Ex-
ploration in 1908 and 1909 by F. J. P. Crean?
If so, I would be greatly obliged and should
be glad to pay any charges connected with the
same.

Respectfully,

C. H. H. H. H.

the season to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Dec. 10, 1910.

Mr. Joseph Mailliard,
1815 Vallejo St.,

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Your letter of Nov. 25th came along with the certificate of title for my Lagunitis place, for which I am greatly obliged.

Was sorry to learn that the reform element failed to carry a majority in the Academy election but hope that you had better success on the second trial, which you say was to come off on the Monday following. I am very anxious to learn the result and hope you will drop me a line as I have no other source of information.

With kindest regards and greetings of

Dec. 10, 1910.

My Dear Miss Sharpe:

Mr. Ridgway has referred to your letter asking for work but, unfortunately, I do not know any way in which I can help you. I am in doubt as to the exact nature of your work in coloring illustrations. I do not know whether you make the original paintings for reproduction or simply hand color the black and white lithograph plates. In this country we do little, if any, hand coloring but have our plates made in colors by the lithographer from an original colored painting. In the case of birds, the originals are usually done by Fuerter, the leading bird artist of the world.

If you were here instead of at so

great a distance, there might be pieces of work of one kind or another which it would be possible to give you, but at a distance I do not see how this can be arranged.

Is it not possible that you could get something from the Canadian Government in connection with the Natural History work of the Canadian Geological Survey at Ottawa? Possibly Professor John Macoun of Ottawa might have need of colored illustration in connection with some of his work on Canadian mammals and birds.

By the way, do you draw mammals? If so, I should be glad to see a few samples of your work.

I should like very much to help you if within my power, and I am extremely sorry

Dec. 12, 1910.

Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On the 7th of October last I sent 4 registered packages from the sub station at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., and on Nov. 1, a 5th package registered at the same place. Return cards for these have not been received. The numbers of these packages were 48661-48664 inclusive, and 48970. The return address given for 48664 was Union Square Hotel, San Francisco, where I received mail until Nov. 4. The return address for the other 4 packages was 1916-15th St. Washington, D.C.

In the absence of the return cards,

I am at a loss to know whether or not these packages reached their several destinations, and shall be greatly obliged if you can enlighten me on this point.

Respectfully,
C. H. Pickett

Dec. 12, 1910.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Yours of the 10th instant arrived this morning with check for \$200, on account of collection of rent on Chapel Street store for estate of F. H. Hoadley, for which I am obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Pickett

Dec. 15, 1910.

Gen. James J. Britt,
Third Asst. Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant (Reg. 15950), I take pleasure in enclosing herewith 4 of the registered receipts referred to in my letter of the 12th instant. The 5th receipt, No. 48664, was for a package which I have recently learned reached its destination safely.

I was not aware until the receipt of your letter that return receipts for registered mail had been done away with, except by special request of the sender. It seems to me that this is a most unfortunate rule, as it deprives the sender of the evidence

that his registered matter reached its destination.

With respect to the 4 packages, the receipts for which are herewith enclosed, I have no information as to their receipt. They were all sent to Indians.

Respectfully,

C. W. H. H. H. H. H.

Dec. 15, 1910.

The Arthur F. Clark Co.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will send me 5 copies of my Bawn of the World, addressed to me at 1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

Kindly see that the bindings are in good condition and that the books are packed so that the corners will not be damaged in transit.

A week or so ago I received from you, with bill for same, a book which I had not ordered-- Old Times on the Upper Mississippi, by Merrick. This I am returning to you by express herewith. Do you not think it

something of an imposition to put a man to the trouble of opening and re-packing a book which he did not order? And in this particular instance you have probably forgotten that you sent me a copy of this same book about a year ago in connection with the index, and I returned it to you later.

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Dec. 23, 1910.

Charles E. Pickett, Esq.,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Your letter of yesterday has just arrived and I am glad to know that you have secured a good offer for the Chapel Street store property. You state that you are offered \$110,000 for both pieces, \$60,000 to be paid down cash, the remainder to be secured by mortgage at 4 1/2 per cent. But you did not say anything about how this was to be divided. If as I assume, it is to be divided half and half so that the Hoadley estate would receive \$55,000, I heartily approve the sale and would be very glad to have you draw the necessary papers and complete the transaction.

I suppose the interest on the Hugo mortgage either has been paid or will be paid in a day or two.

With best wishes and greetings of the season to you and your family.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Hoadley

Dec. 23, 1910.

J. B. Lippincott,
Park Commissioner,
Los Angeles,
Calif.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant is of much interest to me. I am very glad to learn that Los Angeles is contemplating the establishment of a Zoo and agree with you that the climatic conditions of the Los Angeles region are such as to admit of the outdoor exhibition of a number of animals not ordinarily to be found in our zoological parks.

I expect to visit Los Angeles early in the spring, probably in April, and shall be very glad to talk the matter over with you as you suggest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 23, 1910.

Mr. Charles E. Pickett

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Since writing you this morning I have received your second letter of yesterday enclosing check for five hundred dollars in payment of interest on the Hugo mortgage for the second half of the present year, for which I am obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 24, 1910.

My Dear Mr. Kidder:

Your letter of the 20th instant has just reached me. It was addressed to me as Chief of the Biological Survey, a position from which I resigned last May or June.

If the Government has ever published such a book as you describe-- "a compilation of various superstitions and legends of North American Indians"-- I never heard of it, and I am reasonably familiar with the literature along these lines.

I think you have been misinformed. The Bureau of Ethnology has published a number of Indian myths in connection with papers on special tribes but no general work on the subject. There are also several privately published works on the myths of certain

tribes and groups of tribes, and numerous papers scattered through the literature, particularly in the Journal of American Folk-Lore and in the American Anthropologist.

I am glad to know that you are to be in Washington the latter part of January or in early February and shall be happy to see you at that time.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

James H. Kidder, Esq.,

43 Exchange Place,

New York City.

Dec. 24, 1910.

Dear Doctor Smith:

Of course I will write the letter you suggest to the executive committee of the Boone and Crackett Club, recommending the election of Doctor W. J. Mixter.

I am very glad you have proposed him as he is the kind of which the Club is badly in need. His younger brother George also is a fine fellow and has done splendid work in the field, particularly on his recent trip with Preble from the Stikine across to the Peace River.

With kindest regards and greetings of the season.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam
Dr. William Lord Smith,
St. Botolph Club,
4 Newbury St.,
Boston.

Dec. 25, 1910

Dear Grinnell:

Many thanks for your new book on Game Bird Shooting. I've read a good deal of it and looked over the rest and am much pleased with the result. You have brought together a fund of information and have served it in agreeable form, so the seeker for knowledge may easily find what he is looking for and at the same time find entertainment.

Dorothy is home from Smith College and we are in the midst of all sorts of Christmas business and nonsense.

We hope to see you and Mrs Grinnell in the near future.

As ever yours,

C. Hart

Dr George Bird Grinnell.

New York City.

Dec. 25, 1910

Dr. J. S. Billings
National Academy of Sciences
425 Lafayette Street, New York.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 19th inst. giving me the nominations of the Committee on Anthropology.

I wish to record my vote in favor of Dr J. Walter Fewkes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

December 26, 1910.

Lyman Rhoades, Esq.

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Have you any news for the bondholders of the Buffalo and
Susquehanna 1st 4 s?

On July 5 last I sent you two \$1000.00 bonds Nos. 7731
and 8772, for which I hold certificate of receipt.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dec. 26, 1910

Mr C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr Pickett:

Your letter of the 24th inst has just arrived.

I am surprised to learn that you now stand for a material difference in the values of the two halves of the Chapel Street store property, for in your letter of March 14 last you said: "While the Trowbridge building is somewhat larger I think I could arrange so that the total might be equally divided. If you are willing to sell for \$55,000 or better I think I could close the sale at once."

In a later letter written the same day you said: "At the bank they consider the Chapel street land there worth \$2,500 a front foot. That would make the Hoadley land alone worth over \$57,500 and the building would cost to duplicate about \$10,000. And it is well known about here that property valuations are increasing." You close with the remark: "I do not believe any offer less than \$125,000 should be considered for the two buildings at the present time."

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hoadley

your skill I feel sure that a few lessons would suffice to make you an adept. We pay here from 50 cents to \$1.00 apiece for colored slides, the latter price being charged only for the more complicated and difficult pieces. Fifty cents is the usual price for ordinary landscape work and 75 cents when the picture is a little more complicated, or birds or animals are introduced. A difficulty might arise in your geographic position, as the customs officers might make trouble; besides, the express charges would be pretty high. However, it is something to think about.

In compliance with your desire I am writing Professor John Macoun of the Geological Survey by this mail, telling him of your work.

With best wishes and greetings of the season. Very truly yours,

Miss Daisy Bowdler Sharpe,
Pine Lake P. O.,

Penhold,
Alberta, N. W.

Dec. 28, 1910.

My Dear Miss Sharpe:

Your letter and the two samples of your color work have just arrived. The edges of the larger plate were badly broken in transit, the natural result of improper packing. I am returning them to you herewith.

I was familiar with your work before. It is very beautifully done, but as I think I said in my previous letter we do not handle color lithographs in the United States, and therefore could not take advantage of your skill in this direction. It occurs to me, however, that you might make a great success of colored lantern slides in case you were so situated that you could master the technique of this kind of work. Special colors are necessary as you doubtless know, but with

Dec. 28, 1910.

Dear Professor Macoun:

You will remember that R. Bowd-

ler Sharpe, the distinguished ornithologist of the British Museum, died suddenly a year ago on Christmas day. His daughter, Daisy Bowdler Sharpe, has removed from London to Pine Lake, Penhold, Alberta, and writes that she is very poor and is working on a ranch there. She is an experienced and skillful colorist of bird plates and has done work for the Ibis for a number of years, and has also colored many European works on birds. She is extremely anxious to find employment in America, and I thought possibly there might be some color work in connection with the Geological Survey which she might do to mutual advantage. With best wishes and greetings of the season. Very truly yours,

R. Bowdler Sharpe.

Dec. 28, 1910.

Egbert Bagg, Esq.,
191 Genesee St.,
Utica, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bagg:

Thanks for your reminder of the 19th instant. Yes, I shall be glad to have you renew the insurance on my household contents as indicated in your letter, for a period of three years as usual.

I regret that extreme pressure of other matters has thus far prevented me from digging out the bird notes you asked for some time ago. I hope to get at the papers containing these data within a week or ten days.

With greetings of the season.

Very truly yours,

S. H. Henshaw

Dec. 30, 1910.

Dear Professor Osborn;

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me a copy of your great work-- The Age of Mammals. On glancing over it I see that to me it is by far the most useful of the books of the year and I shall make a place for it in the revolving book case at my elbow, where I can refer to it constantly. It gives me in predigested form a vast amount of information which, without its help, I should be obliged to seek in out of the way places, and often I fear, without success. The classification of the Mammalia which you have added, including both extinct and living forms, is a most useful feature; and the maps and wealth of illustrations add much to the book's practical value and convenience.

I congratulate you on having given to the world so useful a book.

I want to thank you also for your contribution, through Mrs. Harriman, to the remarkable testimonial from my friends, which she sent me a few weeks ago.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn

President
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dec. 31, 1910.

My Dear Mr. Sargent:

Very many thanks for the two bear photographs and for your kind offer of the 28th instant to loan me your bear skulls from the Cassiar District.

It is an old saying that all things come to him who waits. I have been waiting for years for more material from the Stikine region, and during the past year have had the good fortune to receive several skulls for study. Yours will be an additional help. This makes me glad that my bear book has not yet gone to the printer.

I am going to ask your permission to use your photograph of the she-bear and cub in my book. My book is not likely to appear for a full year yet, so if you publish an account of your hunt with these illustrations I shall be very glad to quote from the same.

You are very kind to offer to send me your skins in case of necessity. I do not care to see them now but if it should happen to be convenient to send them at any time before my book goes to press, I should be glad of an opportunity to compare them with our specimens here. I think the species is a form of the Grizzly and not a Brown Bear. I will write you about this later after examining the skulls. If you will kindly send the skulls addressed to me, U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., charges collect, I shall be greatly obliged. There is no particular hurry and I think I can safely promise to return the skulls within a month.

Mr. Homer E. Sargent
47 Harvard St.
Worcester, Mass.

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Hoadley estate would receive under the proposed sale--clear of any and all expenses connected therewith--I will have something definite to consider.

In case of a sale, would it be necessary to obtain an order of the Court, and to take another bond?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1911.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Replying to your last letter about the proposed sale of the Hoadley Estate Chapel Street store, the matter hinges on the amount of money the Hoadley Estate would receive.

A year ago you urged me to decline an offer of \$55000 on the ground that the property was then worth more than that sum. Now you state that there has been a boom resulting in an increase of values in this part of Chapel Street and you advise me to sell for less than \$55000--which I have all along thought a fair price.

If you will tell me just what the

doubtless other kinds of big game. He is in every way a gentleman and in my judgment peculiarly well fitted for membership in the Club. His father, Dr. S. J. Mixter, is one of the leading surgeons of America and is also something of a hunter. His younger brother, George Mixter, has killed a number of big bears on Alaska Peninsula, and last year, in company with E. A. Preble of the Biological Survey, accomplished an exceptionally difficult trip across the northern Rocky Mountains and coast ranges from the head of the Stikine to the Peace River. This is merely to show that the Mixter family is made of the right kind of material.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Jan. 10, 1911.

Major William Austin Wadsworth,

President and Chairman Executive Committee,
Boone and Crockett Club,

Genesee, N. Y.

My Dear Major Wadsworth:

I have recently learned that Dr. W. J. Mixter of Boston has been proposed for membership in the Boone and Crockett Club and am very glad to endorse the same.

Dr. Mixter as you doubtless know is an able surgeon who spends his vacations on hunting trips in various parts of America. He has hunted in Maine, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, British Columbia, and Lower California, and doubtless other localities also; and has killed moose, caribou, 3 or 4 species of sheep, goat, deer, black bear, grizzly bear, and

Jan. 10, 1911.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
110 High St.,
Peoria, Ill.

Dear Miss Bradley:

For some days I have been expecting to hear from you with respect to your address, but not having heard I am enclosing check of \$300 for your quarterly annuity from the Hoadley estate for the last quarter of 1910, to your Peoria address, and shall be glad to know that it reaches you safely.

Do you expect to return to southern California this winter?

With best wishes and compliments of the season.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Jan. 10, 1911.

Mr. E. R. Warren,
20 W. Saramillo St.,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Very many thanks for your letter of Dec. 29th offering me the loan of bear skulls from Colorado. I shall be glad of the opportunity to examine these, particularly the big grizzly of which you speak, as I shall undoubtedly wish to mention this specimen in my bear book. The coyotes I shall not reach until next winter, a year from now.

Your kind offer of the loan of material is much appreciated and I shall undoubtedly call on you for assistance from time to time as my work progresses.

A short time ago, after returning from field work in California, I learned that your book on Colorado Mammals had been published. I immediately sent for a copy and find it even fuller and more valuable than I had expected. It is a book of which you may well be proud and one which will be of great service for many years to come.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Jan. 10, 1911.

R. B. Marshall,
Chief Geographer,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me an advance print of the Bridgeport quadrangle. It contains just the information I wanted. I am obliged also for the Dardanelles quadrangle which you sent previously with Fremont's alleged route indicated in red.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Jan. 10, 1911.

Mr. W. E. Hall,

Secy. Government Employees Mutual Relief Association,
Geological Survey,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the fact that I am no longer a regular member of the government service, I hereby resign from the Government Employees Mutual Relief Association.

Respectfully,

C. Hart

Jan. 10, 1911.

Dear Mr. Deming:

Thanks for your recent letter.

I am delighted to know that you are coming here on the 14th, and Mrs. Merriam and I hope you will be able to dine with us and give us an evening either before or after the 14th. A little later I expect to go to New York and will of course call at your studio to enjoy your new productions, and have a little chat with you and Mrs. Deming. Maybe sometime I shall have the good fortune to drop in at your country place which, as you say, must be a great comfort.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Mr. E. W. Deming
5 MacDougal Alley
New York City

Jan. 14, 1911

Dear Sheldon:

At last I am returning to you by express the manuscript of your book on sheep hunting in Yukon Territory-- all but the appendix which I have retained to add some references not at hand in my office.

The introduction I have had copied in order to bring it together, having transferred to it two chunks from the narrative. I have also had a page or two and a few parts of pages copied where the changes made the page difficult to read.

In addition to your chapter headings you seem to have introduced several half-titles as if they were intended to mark the beginning of separate parts or books. The chapter heading on page 83 of the MacMillan River book seems to have been stricken out with pencil-- why I do not understand.

Would it not be helpful to the reader if you gave the year at the beginning of each chapter? You of course know how annoying it is to hunt back through a book of travel to find out what year the author is talking about.

You will of course look out for the spelling of Lewes and Lewis Lake and River, given both ways in the text.

In the Ross River chapter you have a good deal to say about Sheldon Mountain and Sheldon Lake. Would it not be a good idea to add a footnote from your first mention (I think on page 124) stating when and by whom these features were named, so that the reader will not

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imagine that you named them after yourself?

In most of the book you speak of your man as Jeffries, but in some places, particularly in the MacMillan River part, you call him Tom. At first it did not occur to me that they were the same man, but I afterward found that they were. I would suggest that Jeffries be used throughout as the more dignified. In some places you use the name of a mountain or range in both singular and plural form. You usually write MacMillan Mountains, but on page 190 you speak of MacMillan Mountain. Is this a separate topographic feature? The same thing occurs in the use of Dromedary Mountain. It is once or twice given as plural.

In several places you state that the sheep are of the color of those of some other place-- mentioning the place but not the color. This is likely to exasperate the reader. Why not say they are colored so and so, as in [mentioning name of mountain or mountains]?

On page 193 you establish the fact that "all sheep in the mountains adjacent to the Pelly are of the same color," while a couple of lines farther on you say that the Pelly sheep are variable.

It would be a great addition to your book if you would introduce a few pictures of sheep, in simple black and white, showing the several types of coloration to which you so often refer in the text.

Please read over carefully the legends to all of your pictures. A good many of them need revising for the enlightenment of the reader. Many of them are now utterly lacking in information, particularly as to the locality. Most of your pictures will be greatly improved by enlarging, and in the majority of cases can be trimmed to vertical or

horizontal to suit the needs of reproduction. If they are not printed in the text you can have good paper for the book and introduce the illustrations as inserts-- in many cases two on a plate.

Inasmuch as your narrative is given in journal form, arranged by dates, do you not think the opening clause "the next morning", when it immediately follows the date, might be omitted?

In a few cases I have not made the alteration necessary but have left this to you and have written the word "fix" on the margin opposite the trouble, as on pages 13, 19, 21, and 77 of the Ogilvies.

In making your final corrections you will in many cases avoid the necessity of recopying if you are careful not to deface the page more than necessary.

When you were here the other day I tried to explain the reason for a large part of the changes which might not at first sight be obvious. A very large percentage of them were made to improve the form and to put the emphasis in the right place. Others were made for rhythm, and still others for the purpose of putting in the same tense the verbs used in co-ordinate clauses of the same sentence. When after killing a sheep you describe the landscape, your style suddenly undergoes a radical change and you write very long sentences, often complicated by unimportant words or clauses; and the clauses themselves are often constructed without regard to one another-- sometimes with the relative positions of subject and verb transposed in adjoining clauses; frequently with the verb in a different tense in each of a succession of clauses.

In some cases your meaning is obscured by unnecessary words or clauses, the multiplicity of detail preventing the reader from gaining

a clear idea of what you wish to tell him. In other words some of your pen pictures are too complicated.

Pronouns are often used without regard to the grammatical subject. The subject needs constant watchfulness.

Examples of formal and informal style sometimes occur close together, as when in the same sentence you retired and got started.

Throughout the book a few words are habitually overworked. These words are: all, about, appear, ascend, extend, get, mountains, and slope. If you will read over the manuscript with these words in view, I am sure that in a good many cases you will think of some other word by which to express the intended meaning.

The appendix I will probably return on Monday, as soon as I can look up the necessary references.

It seems to me that you have too much matter for one book. However, your publisher will doubtless have a decided opinion on the subject.

I want to repeat what I said when you were here, to the effect that I hope you will add under each locality the additional Natural History notes which you have omitted. They will add greatly to the permanent value of the book and will be equally available for subsequent use.

You have made an amazing number of detailed and highly important observations which, when published, will form a splendid addition to our knowledge of the habits and movements of the Northern mammals and birds.

Regretting my inability to return your manuscript sooner.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Charles Sheldon
140 W 57th St.
New York City

Jan. 19, 1911.

Mr. F. W. Hodge,
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr. Hodge:

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Jan. 19, 1911.

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New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

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Prof. J. Howard Gore,
2210 R Street.
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And it was further resolved, that the Committee on Research be requested to submit to the Board a recommendation as to the amount of said salary.

For this purpose a special meeting of the Committee will be held at the Cosmos Club at 4.45 pm on Saturday January 21, 1911.

Respectfully
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(for the Committee)

Hon.
O. H. Tittman,
2014 Hillyer Place.
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Duplicates of this letter
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Wm H. Holmes
J. Howard Gore
Gilbert H. Grosvenor
J. E. Pillsbury
O. H. Tittman

Jan. 20, 1911.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,
Lagunitas,
Calif.

My Dear Sir:

For some time past I have been hoping to hear from you as to the progress of matters at Lagunitas. Has there been enough wet weather to permit the burning of the tops and brush on my place; and has the new road been cut yet?

I enclose my check for \$25 to pay for the remainder of the clearing and burning. Before leaving I gave Marticelli three days wages in advance to cover the work he was going to finish at that time.

With best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 20, 1911.

Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your communication this day received (File A) I take pleasure in furnishing the information asked for concerning Miss Elizabeth A. Hyde, an applicant for the position of Research and Editorial Assistant, Bureau of Labor.

Miss Hyde has worked for me at intervals for two or three years, and has given unusual satisfaction. She has done a variety of clerical and research work requiring education, training, experience, and accuracy; and has rendered most efficient service. I can not remember all the kinds of work she has done for me but recall three very difficult pieces. One was the typewriting of a set of more than a thousand cards, each comprising an Indian name and an abstract from published works with exact references; another was the compilation of typewritten lists of more than 7000 names and synonyms of Indian tribes, classified by stocks in such a manner as to necessitate the writing of at least 20,000 Indian names; the third was the preparation of a comprehensive analytical index. In all of this work Miss Hyde showed remarkable ability, faithfulness, and accuracy. In fact, among the dozens of clerks I have had during the past twenty-five years, I have had no one who compared with Miss Hyde in the qualifications above mentioned.

She has not done editorial work for me, but I have been informed that she has had excellent training in editorial work.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street
 Washington, D.C.
 February 1, 1911.

County Treasurer,

Erie County, New York.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me County Tax bills for the three following described pieces of unimproved real estate on South side of Ferry Street, Buffalo, between Fillmore Avenue and Kehr Street--all in block 52.

Property of C. Hart Merriam:

Front	Deep	Ft. East of Fillmore
218 ^{ft}	366	1053 ^{ft}

Property of Estate of Caroline H. Merriam:

55 ^{ft}	366	1272 ^{ft}
166 ^{ft}	366	729 ^{ft}

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 1, 1911.

Treasurer
 Smith College
 Northampton, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose check of \$55. in payment of tuition and laboratory fee for my daughter Dorothy Merriam for second half of the current year.

I have not received any bill and should not know that the payment were due but for a letter from my daughter asking me to send the above mentioned amount.

It is hard to believe that so large and useful an institution as Smith College should be willing to transact its business in such a happy-go-lucky way.

Respectfully

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 4, 1911.

Mr. John Mailliard,
Sacramento & Front Sts.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Thanks for your letter of the
24th instant transmitting the deed to the
Lagunitas property which I purchased from
you last fall.

Very truly yours,
C. W. Mailliard

Feb. 6, 1911.

Mr. John Mailliard,
Sacramento & Front Sts.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Replying to your letter of January 24, I wish first to congratulate you on the success of the first step in your movement to make the California Academy more useful and more creditable to the state.

Of course I shall be glad to act on your suggestion to resign from honorary membership in order to be made a regular member. I am not quite sure however as to the ~~midpoint~~, not having a copy of your bylaws at hand. Shall I send my resignation to the Secretary? If so will you kindly give us his address. Or is it possible to have the status of my membership changed by the council on my request? If so I authorize you to do this.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 10, 1911.

Mr. A. M. Daniels,
The Porter,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:

You may have the use of the court again this year, subject of course to a possible sale.

Last year, the boys who had the use of the court from you brought with them boys who used language at times, sufficiently vulgar to drive Mrs. Merriam from her seat in her window. Will you try to prevent this the coming season?

Respectfully

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 15, 1911

A. Silverthau, Esq.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, just received, inquiring about the Chapel Street store belonging to the Estate of F. H. Hoadley, I would refer you to Mr C. E. Pickett of your city. Mr Pickett is our agent.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

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Feb. 17, 1911

Wm H. Hackett, Esq.
Collector of Taxes,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose check for \$494.09
in payment of Taxes on Chapel Street store
(#798) belonging to Estate of F.H. Roadley
to Feb. 1, 1911, and shall be obliged if you
will kindly send receipt for same containing
a description or designation of the property
so that I may use same with purchaser as a
certificate that the taxes have been paid on
this particular piece of property to Feb. 1.

Respectfully

C. Hart Merriam
Exr. and Trustee

Feb. 20, 1911.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Your letter of the 15th instant came Friday and yours of the 18th enclosing deed for my signature arrived yesterday, Sunday, so that I was not able to execute it until this morning.

Have we any certificate of title for the store, ⁷⁹⁸ Chapel Street? I do not find anything of the kind among my papers relating to the Hoadley Estate.

How have you adjusted the February income? I have paid the taxes to February 1, as you requested, but have not received February rent for the store. As the payment for the property will not be made before tomorrow or next day, I would suggest that the Estate receive the proportionate amount of rent to Feb. 21 or 22 and that we rebate against this the proportional amount of taxes to the same date. Otherwise we would lose nearly a month's income, which of course would be unjust to the Estate.

The deed for the Chapel Street store executed in accordance with instructions is enclosed herewith.

I shall be obliged if you will send me a certified check for the full amount, made payable to me as Executor and Trustee. This I will deposit to the credit of the Estate in the American Security and Trust Co. and will then draw checks in payment of such securities as we may purchase, the amount to our credit meanwhile

drawing interest.

As to mortgages: these are a good deal more trouble of course than bonds but they have the advantage of paying a higher rate of interest. I find I can put out at 5% on first mortgage (deed of trust) as much as we like here in Washington, and since we already have \$25,000 in a New Haven mortgage I think it would be well to anchor most of the rest here where I can personally examine the property. At the same time if you can place \$15,000 in New Haven on first mortgage with ample security and approved certificates of title, which you personally know to be alright, I will send you a check for this amount. Meanwhile I shall be glad to see the list of securities legal in Connecticut which you are about to send me with your recommendation.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

Feb. 20, 1911.

John H. Sage, Esq.,
Portland, Conn.

Dear Sage:

Can you without trouble recommend a few securities legal in Connecticut for trustees' investments?

I have just sold a store on Chapel Street belonging to the Hoadley Estate for something over \$53,000, which amount I now have to invest. I am placing part of it in first mortgages, and I am looking into other securities for the balance. Any suggestions you may have to make will be thankfully received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 22, 1911.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Your special delivery without date, just received.

I accept your interpretation of the tax bill and have just sent my check for \$352.91 in payment for the ^(balance) full amount of the bill rendered to January 1, 1911.

Reckoning the monthly tax at \$70.59 we would owe the purchaser for taxes to February 21, \$123.54 which amount should be deducted from the February rent to February 21, which amounts to \$181.23, leaving a balance due us of \$57.72 which please deduct from the February rent before paying balance of same to purchaser.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 26, 1911.

C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Pickett:

Your special delivery letter of yesterday, the 25th, enclosing Cashier's check for \$53,300 has just arrived, for which many thanks.

Your line from New York asking for the Lease and Insurance Policy of the Chapel Street store came yesterday. Being Saturday it was too late to get into the Safe Deposit. I will get them tomorrow morning and forward to you.

Should we not to have some paper to show that the Estate is released from the Lease contract, or does the deed cover this sufficiently?

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

February 27, 1911.

C. E. Pickett,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I enclose the Lease for the Chapel Street store, and also the three Insurance Policies, as requested by you.

On the list you sent me from Clarence E. Thompson I notice 5000 N Y N H & H R R Co 4% Deb of 1956 at 94. These Bonds I authorize you to purchase at market rate and I will forward check on receipt of bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

February 28, 1911.

Mr. H. W. Henshaw
Chief Biological Survey
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

Replying to your letter of yesterday transmitting the substance of a letter from Mr. Zappone with reference to my voucher 8, traveling expenses for month of August 1910, I desire to make the following explanation:

The statement that Sub-voucher 3a covers lodging for the nights of August 4, 7, 9, 10 and so on, while I was employed by the Department on August 5, 8, 10, 11 and so on, is entirely correct, and the amount charged is correct.

My charge for lodging in each instance was for the night ending with the morning with which the service began, and you will observe in each case that I made no charge for the night following the service. The number of days service and the number of nights lodging charged for agree and there is no over charge. The only error is that at the time of sending in the account I was not aware of the Comptroller's decision "that lodging goes with the day on which night began".

In sub-voucher 9 of voucher 8 the charge for breakfast on August 23 is an error and should be disallowed. I return herewith the amount-- seventy five cents.

Very truly yours,



February 28, 1911.

Mr. H. W. Henshaw
Chief Biological Survey
Department of Agriculture.

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

In looking over my accounts for last summer in order to answer your letter of yesterday I made the startling discovery that my account for October 1-6 has never been turned in.

I brought the account home with me intending to execute it and turn it in on reaching Washington, but I did not arrive until just in time to attend the annual Congress of the American Ornithologists Union, at the close of which I was taken sick with Grippe and did not recover for several weeks, by which time I had forgotten the account! It is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,



March 2, 1911.

C. E. Pickett,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Thanks for yours without date just received, enclosing bill of Clarence E. Thompson and Sons for \$4780.84 in payment for \$5000. N Y N H & H R R Deb 4's of 1956 at 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ with interest.

Herewith I am enclosing my check for the amount and shall be obliged if you will kindly pass the same on to the Thompsons and forward the Bonds to me by Express.

Have you had time to look into the mortgage matter? I think we had better not invest more than \$10,000. in this way and that of course only on gilt edged security.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 4, 1911.

Dr. Cyrus C. Adams,
American Geographical Society,
15 West 81st St.,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Adams:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, I would suggest Dr. T. S. Palmer or Mr. H. W. Henshaw, both of the Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, as competent persons to review the recent A. O. U. Check-List of North American Birds. I am surprised that you desire to publish reviews of this kind in your Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 4, 1911.

R. H. Wilson, Esq.,
863 Flatbush Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, would state that I do not know of any way by which the estate of F. H. Hoadley can be settled so long as Maria Bradley and Heli Hoadley remain alive, as they have a life interest in the estate.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Exr. and Trustee.

March 8, 1911

Clarence M. Smith & Co.

64 Wall Street, New York.

Dear Sirs:

In your List recd a day or two ago you quote American Telegraph-
phone at \$1.75. At this price I will take 60 shares amounting to
\$105, for which I will remit on notification that the stock is ready
for delivery, made out in my name.

I notice Oxford Linen on your exchange list. I own 5 shares
with B Convertibles (\$50.). How many shares Am. Telegraphphone will
you give me in exchange for this?

Respectfully,



March 8, 1911.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Yours of the 7th, with Scranton's bill
for 5000 N Y N H & H deb 3 1-2 of 1954,
amounting with interest to \$4233.27 re-
ceived this afternoon, and my check for the
same is enclosed herewith. I am glad we
have obtained these at this price.

I have now invested in gilt edge
securities, a list of which I will send you
later, practically the entire proceeds of
the sale, except \$12500 reserved for the
mortgage you spoke of in a recent letter.

Very truly yours,



March 13, 1911.

R. H. Wilson, Esq.,
863 Flatbush Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your second letter, dated March 9, I would state that at the time an attempt was made to settle the Hoadley estate some years ago two obstacles were encountered either of which at that time was sufficient to defeat the undertaking.

The first of these was the inability of the several interests to agree on a basis of settlement.

The second and far more important was the legal obstacle of the two life interests. It was found that the estate could not be settled during the lifetime of Heli Hoadley and Maria Bradley, unless sufficient sums were turned over to a Trust Company to purchase life annuities; and on inquiry of several Trust Companies it was found that the amount necessary was so large as to make the settlement out of the question.

The estate is in admirable shape at the present time, and no one would welcome a settlement more heartily than myself. I do not know however of any way by which it can be done. If you see daylight through the legal difficulties I should be glad to be informed.

Respectfully,

C. H. Wilson
Exr. and Trustee.

March 18, 1911.

My dear Governor Merriam:

Many thanks for your kindness in keeping me posted. The Delaware & Hudson bonds I received yesterday at the American Security & Trust, for which I am obliged.

You are very good to offer to copy the list of Securities legal for Trustees in Connecticut. I do not want to put you to this trouble, but will call soon and look over the list. I called shortly after noon today but you were not in.

Very truly yours

C. W. Merriam

Hon. W. R. Merriam
Redmond & Co.,
Washington, D.C.

March 18, 1911.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

What has become of you? I have been expecting to hear from you by every mail for some days with regard to the mortgage you hoped to secure, and also with regard to the few small items of expense incurred by you in the title search, and drawing of the deed, for the Chapel Street store.

You will remember that it is now time to turn in our annual account, which I cannot finish till I hear from you. After that I think I can send you the account by return mail.

I suspect that you are unable to secure a mortgage at 5%. If this is the case I would like to invest the money in other securities.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Merriam

March 20, 1911.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,
Lagunitas, Calif.

My Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad to know that the road was so nearly done and that the brush is probably burned by this time, but I am extremely sorry to learn that your hand was so badly injured. I trust that by this time you have fully recovered the use of it.

I had expected to go to California about the end of this month, but now find that I can not get off for several weeks yet.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Henshaw

March 20, 1911.

Dear Doctor Brown:

The book you ask for, namely, Professor Mason's book on Indian Baskets, contained such a multitude of beautiful plates that it was in great demand, and the edition was exhausted almost immediately after its publication. Now and then a copy finds its way into a second hand book store. I have been on the lookout for some time and hope to pick up a copy. When I do you shall have it.

I had hoped to be leaving for California about this time, but various matters are keeping me here and I shall not get away for several weeks.

Did you not tell me that you expected to come East during the winter or early spring?

With kindest regards to your wife and sister.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Henshaw

Dr. Philip King Brown,
Union Square Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

securing the one you mention from the College Society for \$11,000 I shall be glad, but I would like to know as soon as possible since we have some \$14,000 which ought to be invested, and today I have a chance to get some New York Central 4 1/2s at a figure which would yield 4.45.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 23, 1911.

Mr. C. F. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I enclose my account as Executor and Trustee of the Hoadley Estate for the year ending March 19, 1911. When you make the copy for filing kindly return this original, as I would like to keep it in my file.

I enclose two checks, one to your order for \$2.98 to cover the cost of recording the lease (\$2.00), and to reimburse you the 98 cents you advanced to pay Heli his February allowance; the other payable to White Bros. \$10.00 for searching title and drawing deed.

As to the mortgage: I would take nothing less than 5%. If succeed in

C. Hart Merriam
Surviving Executor and Trustee under the Will of
Frederick H. Hoadley, Deceased

In account with

TRUST ESTATE CREATED BY SAID WILL

March 19, 1910 to March 19, 1911.

Dr.

To Personal Property on hand as per account of March 19, 1910, on file. . .	\$42,356.62	
To Amount received from sale of real estate.	53,300.00	
To Income as per Schedule A.	4,160.35	
	\$99,816.97	\$99,816.97

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By Cash paid, as per Schedule B	\$1,735.73	
By Cash paid Miss Maria H. Bradley, 1/2 net income, as per Schedule C. . .	1,012.31	
By Cash paid Heli Hoadley.	500.00	
By Cash paid for services of Executor and Trustee.	400.00	
By Net Amount of Personal Property on hand, as per Schedule D.	96,168.93	
	\$99,816.97	\$99,816.97

Washington, D.C.

March 20, 1911.

C. Hart Merriam
Executor and Trustee.

Schedule A
SHOWING INCOME COLLECTED
March 19, 1910 to March 19, 1911.

Rent of store 798 Chapel Street, New Haven, April 1910 to January 1911 incl. a \$241.67 per month.	\$2,416.70
Interest on Hugo mortgage (June \$500; Dec. \$500).	1,000.00
Coupons:	
Consolidated Ry Co. (July \$160; Jan. \$160).	320.00
5 Conn. Ry & Lighting July \$112.50; Jan. \$112.50).	225.00
2 Buffalo & Susquehanna (July \$40; Jan. \$40).	80.00
1 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy (Sept. \$20; March \$20).	40.00
1 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (Oct. \$20).	20.00
Interest on Cash in Bank (American Security & Trust Co.).	16.20
Rebate on unexpired Insurance on Chapel Street Store.	1.76
Rebate on account of difference between taxes paid and February rent.	40.69
	<u>\$4,160.35</u>

Schedule B
EXPENSES

1910.	March 19, 1910 to March 19, 1911.	
April	9. Advertising Probate Account.	\$3.00
"	4. Probate Court Expenses.	9.10
"	14. Insurance (additional) Chapel St. Store.	17.38
Taxes on Store, 798 Chapel Street, New Haven:		
July 1910	payable January 1, 1910.	833.00
Feb. 1911	payable January 1, 1911.	847.00
Note.--To give clear title, on account of sale of property, it was necessary to pay this tax at this time. Heretofore it has been the custom to charge the tax payable each January to the account of the following year.		
1911.		
February.	Recording Lease, Store 798 Chapel Street.	2.00
"	17. Rent Safe Deposit Box to January 2, 1912 (American Security & Trust Co.).	5.00
March	8. Rent Safe Deposit Box to March 8, 1912 (National Metropolitan Bank).	6.00
	Telegram to Pickett, New Haven.25
Mar. 6 & 13.	To Expressage on Bonds from New Haven.	2.00
"	13. White Bros. Drawing Deed to Store 798 Chapel St.	5.00
	Searching title, store property 798 Chapel St.	5.00
	Jurat for deed .50; certificate from Court. 50.	1.00
		<u>\$1,735.73</u>

Schedule C
Showing Amount of one half net income
paid Maria H. Bradley.

Income as per Schedule A	\$4,160.35
Expenses as per Schedule B \$1,735.73	
Executors services <u>400.00</u>	<u>2,135.73</u>
Net Income.	2,024.62
One half of \$2,024.62 = \$1,012.31.	

Schedule D

SHOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY ON HAND

March 19, 1911.

1	Note secured by First mortgage on land and buildings, Crown Street.	\$25,000.00
8	Bonds Consolidated Railway Company, 4%, due 1954, int. Jan. & July.	7,925.66
5	" Connecticut Ry. & Light Co., 4 1/2%, due 1951; int. Jan. & July.	5,153.12
2	" Buffalo & Susquehanna 1st Mtg. Ref., 4%, due 1951; int. Jan. & July.	1,841.24
1	" Chicago Burlington & Quincy, 4%, due March 1, 1958; int. Sept. & March.	1,027.00
5	" Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Gen. 4s due 1958; int. Sept. & March.	4,875.55
5	" Chicago Burlington & Quincy (Ill. Div.) 3 1/2s due 1949; int. Jan. & July.	4,435.90
5	" Illinois Central 1st mtg., 3 1/2%, due July 1, 1953; int. Jan. & July.	4,374.35
5	" Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, Gen. 4s, due 1959; int. Jan. & July. Series A.	4,990.14
5	" Chicago & Northwestern, Gen. 4s, due 1957; int. May & November.	5,023.47
5	" New York New Haven & Hartford, Deb. 4s, due 1956; int. May & November.	4,780.84
5	" New York New Haven & Hartford, 3 1/2 Debs. due 1954; int. April & October.	4,233.27
2	" Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, Gen. 4s, due 1953; int. Jan. & July.	1,942.39
1	" Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Gen. 4s, due 1955; int. April & October.	997.61
5	" Delaware & Hudson, ref. 4s, due 1943; int. May & November.	5,006.25
	Cash on deposit, being remainder of principal from sale of store 798 Chapel Street.	13,637.84
	Cash on hand.	924.30
		\$96,168.93

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Dr.

Principal on hand as per account on file.	\$70,197.02
Income invested in Bond, Atchison T & S F (as above) now principal.	997.61
Increase in value of store 798 Chapel St. (Assessed \$29,250; sold for \$53,300).	24,050.00
	\$95,244.63

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Principal on hand:	
Mtg. Note, Crown St. Property.	\$25,000.00
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5 " Conn. Ry & Light Co., 4 1/2s.	5,153.12
2 " Buffalo & Susq. Ref. 4s.	1,841.24
1 " C B & Q, Gen 4s.	1,027.00
5 " C B & Q, Gen 4s.	4,875.55
5 " C B & Q (Ill. Div). 3 1/2s.	4,435.90
5 " Illinois Central, 1st mtg., 3 1/2s.	4,374.35
5 " C M & St Paul, Gen. 4s,	4,990.14
5 " Chicago & Northwestern Gen. 4s.	5,023.47
5 " N Y N H & H Deb. 4s.	4,780.84
5 " N Y N H & H, 3 1/2s Debs.	4,233.27
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1 " Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Gen. 4s	997.61
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Cash on deposit, being remainder of principal from sale of store 798 Chapel Street.	13,637.84
	\$95,244.63

We were required to pay also the full year's tax due January 1, 1911, amounting to \$847, which I paid last month. Besides, the taxes have been increased from \$702 to \$847.

The unfortunate result of this is that it cuts your annuity for the year ending March 19, 1911 down to \$1,012.31. Not anticipating this when I made your January payment I sent you the usual \$300 so that you have received ~~during~~ the year \$1200, which is \$187.69 more than your half of the net in-

come. The best way to remedy this without putting you to inconvenience seems to me to be to deduct this amount from your April payment. Owing to the increased revenue to the estate your income for the coming year is likely to be greater than ever before for hereafter we have neither taxes nor insurance to pay and the estate has materially increased in value. I greatly regret this temporary jolt in your income but in the long run it will be more than made up.

Miss M. A. Bradley Very truly yours, *C. Hart*

March 23, 1911.

My dear Miss Bradley:

We have recently sold the Chapel Street store belonging to the Hoadley Estate and I have invested the proceeds in Bonds yielding the estate something over 4%.

But in order to make the sale it was necessary for us to pay the taxes in full up to the date of sale. Heretofore it has been our practice to pay the tax due January 1, from the account of the following year, as we were allowed to let it run till July. Hence the taxes, payable January 1, 1910 were not paid by us till July, 1910, bringing them into this year's account--as our account runs from March 19 to March 19 each year.

But in order to give a clear title

March 27, 1911.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Thanks ^{for} yours of the 25th enclosing my account and copy of same ready for filing with Probate Court.

I have executed the same and am enclosing it herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

April 1, 1911.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Replying to your letter of March 27, I regret to say that there is no additional sum to send you from the income of the year ended March 19. I think I gave you the exact figures in my last letter.

The increase in the amount of the taxes, and the necessity of paying two years taxes during the one year reduced the net income to the amount stated in my last letter.

I regret very much that I was not able to let you know in advance but I wrote you immediately after ^{the} transaction was closed and the account made up.

The matter is not so bad as it looks on the surface, for hereafter there are neither taxes nor insurance to be paid.

So your income will ^{be} larger than heretofore.

If it would be a material help to you I can advance you one hundred dollars from the income of the new year, and can probably, beginning with July, make your quarterly payments \$400 instead of \$300.

Very truly yours,

E. Weston

*Miss M. H. Bradley
Leicester, Mass.*

Chris Jorjensen, Esq.,
Bohemian Club,

April 3, 1911.

San Francisco.

My Dear Chris:

It is a long time since your last letter was received, and during the interim various things have transpired.

A number of times I have threatened to write you, but have not known whether to address you at the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Camel-by-the-Sea, or Hawaiian Islands. I should have taken the liberty to send a letter to your good wife at Oakland, except for two circumstances. One was that I did not know her Oakland address; the other, that I knew that she was traveling around with you. I did however send her a book addressed on the outside to you at the Bohemian Club several

months ago, but have no knowledge as to whether or not it was delivered. This was merely a subtle hint that I had not yet received her prescription for heavenly enschillades [spelling subject to revision by Mrs. C. J.J].

Did you ever call at the Hittells and get a photograph for your daughter, which I left with Carlos last fall?

With best love to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hest Hurian.

April 19, 1911.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
110 High Street,
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Miss Bradley:

Herewith I enclose check for \$212.31.

As I wrote you before, your income for the year ending March 19, 1911 (owing to the payment of two years taxes) was only \$1012.31. Hence when I sent you \$300 in January you ~~needed \$200 more~~ ^{needed \$187.69 more} than the amount due you. This overpayment of \$187.69 I have transferred to the account for the present year--the year beginning March 19, 1911. This amount, together with the \$212.31 herewith enclosed, makes \$400 advanced to date on account of your annuity for the current year. A receipt for this amount is enclosed herewith, which kindly sign and return.

Since your receipt of January 12, 1911 included this overpayment of \$187.69 I am returning said receipt to you, along with a revised receipt of the same date for \$112.31, so that you may sign the new one for \$112.31 and destroy the old one for \$300. This will straighten the matter out.

If you are in need of funds anytime after May 1, I can send you another check on account of this year's income.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Huston

Apr. 24, 1911.

Committee on Admissions,
Cosmos Club.

Dear Sirs:

Mr. F. W. Hodge, Chief of the Bureau of Ethnology, and myself have recently proposed E. W. Deming of New York for non-resident membership in the Club. Mr. Hodge has probably furnished the necessary data as to Mr. Deming's age, education, and antecedents, so that I will merely remark that I know him chiefly as a student of Indians and a painter of Indian mythological subjects. In this line of work he is a genius. He has a deep and genuine sympathy for the religious beliefs of our Indians, a genuine appreciation of their mythology, an imagination competent to give definite form to their conceptions, and the power of putting all this on canvas. Personally he is a gentleman and an agreeable companion. I think the Club would do well to add him to our list of non-resident members.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Apr. 28, 1911.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
Pecoria, Illinois.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Your letter of the 24th instant with the receipts came duly, for which I am obliged.

Owing to the new adjustment of our investments for the Hoadley estate I think I can make your quarterly allowance \$400 instead of \$300, and expect to send you \$400 early in July. Should you actually need more at that time, I could probably make you an advance to be deducted from the October payment.

In case you change your address before July please let me know in advance, as I expect to be in California in July and will send your check from there.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

If you need money before July let me know and I will advance what you require - can

May 8, 1911

Dear Mr Pickett:

Will you please send me a certificate from the Probate Court stating that I am sole surviving Executor and Trustee of the Hoadley Estate. I am asked to file it in New York in connection with the purchase of some Registered bonds.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

Mr C.E.Pickett

New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Merriam told the man who did it that the tile work was wholly un-
tiles and spaces between so that the bathroom is disfigured by the job.

very imperfect way leaving the floor uneven, with one or two broken
The man who fixed the water closet replaced the tiling in a

Heater has worked perfectly.

broken piece and sent to Pittsburgh for a new one, since which the
We were obliged to send for another man, who promptly discovered a
find the trouble and put on a hammer pipe which did no good whatever.

The man who tried to repair the Monarch Heater failed to

condition.

man I feel sure that you would not have left the jobs in such poor

factory. If you had come to examine the work or had sent your fore-

your bill would have been paid when rendered if the work had been satis-

Replying to your letter of yesterday would say that

Dear Sir:

Washington, D.C.

Robert B. Caverly, Esq.

June 28, 1911.

satisfactory. When you have this tiling properly laid I shall pay your bill immediately, but I expect to leave for California in a few days.

Respectfully,

E. H. Hoadley

June 28, 1911.

Mr. E. E. Pickett

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging receipt of your recent letter enclosing check of \$508, covering Hugo interest and the duplicate payment of the Probate account--for which I am greatly obliged. The latter was a curious slip on my part.

I have been detained in getting off and have been extremely busy.

Enclosed is my check for \$208.35 providing for payment of Heli Hoadley's allowance for five months--July to November inclusive.

A word about the Buffalo and Susquehanna, in case Kimberley should mention it at the next hearing. At the time I purchased the two bonds I acted on the advice of the Presidents of two of our banks and Trust companies. The investment at that time was generally regarded as perfectly secure and desirable. No less than thirty eight Conn. Savings Banks purchased these bonds in amounts varying from four thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand each, aggregating \$1,225,000 for the Conn. Savings Banks. However, I am told that the reorganization Committee is doing well and that the thing is likely to come out all right yet. Meanwhile I am purchasing the coupons as they mature so there is no loss to the Estate.

Letters addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin Co. Calif. will reach me, though not always promptly as I shall be in the field most of the time.

Very truly yours, *E. H. Hoadley*

July 10, 1911.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Miss Bradley:

Herewith I enclose check of \$400 in payment of your quarterly annuity for second quarter of 1911. I shall be obliged if you will kindly sign and return the accompanying receipt.

I have been delayed in going to California but expect to start shortly and will send your October check from San Francisco, unless I hear from you to the contrary, to your Peoria address.

Letters addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin Co, California will reach me.

Very truly yours,

A. H. J. Harrison

July 12, 1911.

Potomac Electric Power Co.,
213 14th St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street, and expect to be absent until November. I have turned the electric current off the house by means of the big switch under the front steps.

Respectfully,

C. Nath Harrison

July 12, 1911.

Washington Gas Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street, and expect to be absent until November. I have turned the gas off where the pipe enters the house, but before it reaches the meter.

Respectfully,

C. Nath Harrison

July 12, 1911.

Major Richard Sylvester,
Chief of Police,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th St., and expect to be absent until November. I shall be obliged if the patrolman of this district will from time to time keep an eye on the premises as he passes.

In case of trouble please notify Mr. J. B. Morgan, Apartment 701, The Northumberland, or H. W. Henshaw, Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture.

Respectfully,
C. H. Merriam

July 12, 1911.

City Postmaster,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th St., for the remainder of the summer, and shall be obliged if you will send my mail until further notice to my address at the Northumberland Apartment ^{House} on New Hampshire Avenue, just above U St. and only a little over a block from my residence.

Respectfully,

C. H. Merriam

*Please send to the Northumberland all mail
addressed to Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Merriam
Miss Dorothy Merriam
Miss Zenaida Merriam*

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December 27, 1911.

Mr. E. P. Gardner,
Lagunitas, California.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Owing to delayed trains I did not reach home until Christ-
mas day.

I cannot remember whether or not I spoke to you about leaving
open some of the doors on the lower story of my Lagunitas house.
Owing to the darkness of the fire proof closet the steel doors
should be left wide open until next summer, and the two doors
leading from this room around through the back hall to the living
room should also be left open in order that darkness may not accu-
mulate in the room. I left these doors open but feared you might
think it was done by mistake.

Stone, the laborer, was to give you the key to the woodhouse
padlock, and Fred, the carpenter at Miss Grefes was to give you
the key to the bed room back of the wood house. These with the
two front door keys, which I left with you, make four keys to
the house. Please fasten these together.

I enclose \$10. for your trouble in looking after the place
during the winter.

Mrs. Merriam and the girls join in kind regards and Christmas
greetings
to yourself and family.

Very truly yours,

January 10, 1912.

Frank E Davis Company,
Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Dear Sirs:-

In your descriptive price list for October I find a number of things which I should like to try in my family and shall be obliged, therefore, if you will send the following:-

Salt mackerel (small)	10 lbs
Salt codfish	10 lbs
Clam extract	1 doz bottles
Fresh mackerel	1 doz cans
Pickled mussels	1 jar for sample
New England clams	One glass jar for sample
Salmon	1 doz $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cans
French sardines	1 doz $\frac{1}{2}$ cans
Norwegian smoked sardines	1 doz $\frac{1}{2}$ tins
Lobster	3 cans
Mushrooms	1 doz small cans

Inclosed is my check for \$22 which is as close as I am able to figure the amount. If not right, let me know. Please ship by express to C Hart Merriam, 1919 Sixteenth street, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1907.

John O. Manning, Esq.,
Deputy City Treasurer,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th instant inclosing assessment bills for sidewalk construction in front of two of the three pieces of property concerning which I wrote on the 22nd instant. As you do not mention the third piece, I am at a loss to know whether the new sidewalk stopped short of that lot or whether the omission was accidental. All the three pieces of property concerned are in the same block, on the south side of Ferry street between Fillmore and Kehr. The one, the bill for which you did not send, is described as follows:

Front $166\frac{1}{2}$; Depth 365; West east of Fillmore 780.

As I should like to pay all three at the same time, I will wait until I hear from you again.

It might be worth noting that the name in which part of this property is assessed is in error. The name should read Caroline H. Merriam, not Cornelius Merriam. Two pieces belong to the Estate of Caroline H. Merriam (my mother); the third belongs to me personally.

Respectfully,



January 29, 1912.

Dear Mr. Porter:

What is the news from Lagunitas? How many liens were
filed and for what amounts?

Is there any probability of settling them in the near future?

Do you not want some money? And how much? Can send you
whatever you need anytime after a few days notice.

Should have written before but have been sick in bed most of
the time since returning from California.

The only communications I've received concerning Lagunitas
are herewith enclosed.

If Joost Bros. will make a trade or builders discount on their
paint bill I should be glad to pay it at once. The goods were
ordered by Brown the painter, and only about half the stuff was
used.

In the Pedrini bill, a charge of \$1.50 per load was made
for hauling gravel. This was cut down by Burns to \$1.00 per load,
which is enough in view of the exceedingly small size of the loads,
each being hardly half an ordinary load.

If you would like me to go over the Pedrini bills with a view
to duplications, I'll be pleased to do so if you send them on.

Very truly yours,

Mr Robert E. Porter
Call Building
San Francisco, Calif.

C. Hart

Jan. 30, 1912.

C. F. Ritch Esq.
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 20th reached me today. As I have been sick in bed here in Washington most of the time for the last month, and shall be here for several months to come, I will see that it is impossible for me to meet you in person.

My attorney, Robert C. Carter, Call Building, St., has full authority to act for me in respect to matter -

Respectfully

C. Hart Merriam

February 3, 1912.

S. & G. Gump Co.
246-268 Post street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sirs:

In December last I purchased at your store a bronze elephant with ivory tusks, for which I paid \$5. The clerk from whom I purchased it called special attention to the unusual perfection of the tusks. I told her I wanted it for a wedding present, and asked if it could be packed so as to be safely shipped by express. She replied in the affirmative and assured me that the package could be shipped by express without danger.

As there proved to be no hurry, I did not ship the package but wrapped it carefully in a blanket, put it in my trunk and brought it home with me. On opening it a few days ago I found that it had been wretchedly packed and that both tusks had been broken off by sliding forward and striking the side of the box.

Respectfully,

C. Hartman

Feb. 3, 1912

Pedrinì Bros.,
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find \$1.79 in payment of accompanying bill.

The bill is silent as to date or dates of delivery of the goods.

Should have paid this earlier but have been sick in bed
most of the time since my return from California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

February 5, 1912.

C. E. Pickett, Esq.,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Inclosed are two checks to
your order from the Hoadley Estate, one of \$83.34
to pay Heli Hoadley's annuity for February and
March; the other of \$150 for your services for
the year ending March 19, 1912.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Newman

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February 5, 1912.

Portland Cement Co.,
72 West Adams street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for the Farm Cement News
for January. In looking it over I see that you
have several other publications which I should
be glad to see. I shall be obliged, therefore,
if you will kindly send me Farm Cement News, Nos. 3,
6, and 8. Also No. 3 of Plans and Specifications
for Cement Porch and Steps, and your pamphlet
entitled Concrete in the Country.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

February 7, 1912.

Mr. J. G. Klemm,
Lagunitas, California.

My dear Sir:

Your bill for 50cts, dues
to the Lagunitas Improvement Club from November 1, 1911,
to January 1, 1912, has just reached me. In paying
this I am sending \$1 ^{now} to cover my dues until July.
My check for \$1.50 is inclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

February 7, 1912.

John Reimann, Esq.,
City Treasurer,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am inclosing payment for
sidewalk tax on property on south side of Ferry street
between Fillmore and Kehr, as per accompanying tax
bills - one for \$120.10 on lot owned by me personally;
the other of \$121.85 on two adjacent lots belonging
to the estate of my mother, Caroline H. Merriam (one
\$91.58, the other \$30.27) Both of these are wrongly
named on your tax roll: "Cornelius" H. Merriam should be
Caroline H. Merriam. Charles B. Collins, my mother's
brother, died more than thirty years ago, leaving his
property to my mother.

Respectfully,

C. H. Merriam

February 8, 1912.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

It will give me much
pleasure to accept your kind
invitation to lunch with you
at the Cosmos Club at 1 p.m.,
February 10, to meet Professor
Hiram Bingham of Yale.

Very truly yours,

Robert Merriam

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor,
1328 - 18th street,
Washington, D.C.

February 9, 1912.

Dear Miss Grefe:

Many thanks for your letter notifying us that our house has been broken into. While this is not pleasant news, still we are glad to know about it, now that it has happened. I expect to hear from Mr. Gardner in a day or two as to what damage, if any, has been done.

It is astonishing that so many cottages have been entered this winter. This seems to be a new departure for Lagunitas, and I hope it will be the last of its kind.

You seem to have had enough rain to set things agoing, so I suppose

spring will be on hand before long.

With kind regards to you all, especially Miss Fox and Miss Allardt,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Sturtevant

Miss Tillie Grefe,
Lagunitas, California.

February 9, 1912.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

For several days I have been expecting to hear from you concerning the condition of my house at Lagunitas, as Miss Grefe wrote me that it had been broken into. Was any damage done, so far as you could see?

I hear that you have had heavy winter rains. Here in Washington we have had more snow than usual and much more sleighing than in several years past.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Gardner and yourself.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Sturtevant
Mr. E. B. Gardner,
Lagunitas, California.

February 13, 1912.

Mr. John W. Mailliard,
Sacramento & Front streets,
San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Many thanks for your letter inclosing Atlas Policy #2169196, the same being supplementary insurance on my house at Legunillas. In this policy I do not find any allusion to the former policy #2169015, dated October 5, although both policies state (line 48) the policy becomes void "if the insured now has or shall procure any other insurance, whether valid or not, on property covered in whole or in part by this policy". This would seem to indicate that both policies are void, as neither one refers to the other or gives any permission for additional

insurance. How about this?

Herewith I am inclosing my check for \$29.98 - \$17.75 for the insurance and \$12.23 for taxes kindly paid by you and for which I shall be obliged if you will send me the tax receipts. There seems to be some error about these taxes, as I paid the tax 1909 and 1911, leaving only the year 1910, which I understood your brother to say had been paid in connection with your own estate. However, if any tax has been twice paid, I suppose there will be no difficulty in having the matter straightened out.

It is gratifying to know that the Academy election turned out satisfactorily, even if for technical reasons the new constitution must go over for another year.

I trust your brother is gaining rapidly and will soon be in better shape than for many years. With kind regards and best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,
E. W. Mailliard

February 16, 1912.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th instant. I am delighted to know that you are making such a fine recovery and that you have been allowed to return to your own home. This I know is a great comfort.

The news you give me about the reestablishment of the Department of Botany in the California Academy and the reappointment of Miss Eastwood to the curatorship is most pleasing, and I doubt not will go far toward reestablishing the usefulness of the Academy both in a local way and on broader scientific grounds. The details of the way it finally matured are no less than astonishing.

What is the matter with Gardner? I heard some time ago that a number of houses at Lagunitas, including my own, had been broken into, but I have not had a word from Gardner on the subject, although I put him in charge of the house and gave him the keys.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards to your sister and yourself.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Joseph Mailliard,
Corner Vallejo and Gough streets,
San Francisco, California.

February 16, 1912.

S. & G. Gump Company,
246 Post Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant, would state that as the time arrived for the presentation of the elephant in question, I had the tusks mended at a crockery shop at a cost of 50 cts. and turned it in as a wedding present. Of course, this is far from satisfactory, but was the best I could do under the circumstances.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

February 21, 1912.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,
Lagunitas, California.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th instant just received. It is a great relief to know that practically no damage has been done in our house.

The trunk you mention was locked when I left. It contained chiefly towels and bedding -- sheets, pillow cases, and blankets -- and also a few clothes.

I am surprised to learn that you have had so little rain and trust that more will fall before the season is over.

With best wishes and kind regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart *harrison*

*We all wish that we
were out there now.*

February 24, 1912.

Harry Meeker, Esq.,
Camp Meeker, California.

Dear Sir:

Last summer I called at your house to see you about making some redwood tables, but you happened to be absent that day, and I was unable to call again.

I have a summer place at Lagunitas and would like very much to have two or three of your heavy redwood tables, if you can make them between now and next summer. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will kindly give me your prices for plain tables with square legs of different sizes.

Respectfully,

C. H. T. Merriam -

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February 26, 1912.

S. & G. Gump Company.
246 Post street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 20th instant is at
hand, inclosing 50 cts. in stamps, the cost of
repairing the elephant tusks, for which I am
obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Gump

March 4, 1912.

Robert C. Porter, Esq.
Call Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Porter:

Not a word from you since my return from California. I wrote you about a month ago (on January 29) inclosing a few papers, but have had no reply. It would be a relief to know that you received my letter. Don't you want me to send you some money?

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

March 9, 1912.

Mr. H. E. Meeker,
Camp Meeker, California.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 4th just received. I should be glad if you will give me your price each for two heavy redwood library tables, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 34 $\frac{1}{2}$, with square legs. Also, of a round dining room table 54 in. in diameter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 22, 1912.

Mr. A. M. Daniels,
The Portner,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Daniels:

On returning to the city after a brief absence I find your letter about the tennis court adjoining my house on the south. I shall be glad to allow you the use of the court during the coming season under the same conditions as heretofore, namely, that you keep it looking clean and tidy and that my daughters may have the privilege of using it at times.

Very truly yours,

E. M. Daniels

March 22, 1912.

Mr. A. M. Daniels,
The Portner,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Daniels:

On returning to the city after a brief absence I find your letter about the tennis court adjoining my house on the south. I shall be glad to allow you the use of the court during the coming season under the same conditions as heretofore, namely, that you keep it looking clean and tidy and that my daughters may have the privilege of using it at times.

Very truly yours,

E. M. Daniels

March 25, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I inclose my annual
account as Executor and Trustee of the Hoadley
Estate, and shall be obliged if you will attend to
it as usual.

Thanks for your reminder. I had not forgotten
it but was out of the city for a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam
Surviving Executor and Trustee under the Will of
Frederick H. Hoadley, Deceased

In account with

TRUST ESTATE CREATED BY SAID WILL

March 19, 1911 to March 19, 1912.

Dr.

To Personal Property on hand as per account of March 19, 1911, on file . . .	\$96,168.93	
To Income as per Schedule A	3,835.09	
	<u>\$100,004.02</u>	\$100,004.02

Cr.

By Cash paid, as per Schedule B	\$ 24.50	
By Cash paid Miss Maria H. Bradley, + net income, as per Schedule C	1,705.22	
By Cash paid Heli Hoadley	500.00	
By Cash paid for services of Executor and Trustee	400.00	
By Net Amount of Personal Property on hand, as per Schedule D	<u>97,374.23</u>	\$100,004.02

Washington, D.C.

March 25, 1912.

C. Hart Merriam
Executor and Trustee.

Schedule A
SHOWING INCOME COLLECTED
March 19, 1911 to March 19, 1912.

Interest on Hugo mortgage	\$1,000.00
Coupons:	
1 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	40.00
3 Boston & Maine 3½s	105.00
2 Buffalo & Susquehanna	80.00
6 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 4s	240.00
5 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3½s	175.00
5 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul 4s	200.00
5 Chicago & Northwestern	200.00
2 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific 4s	80.00
5 Conn. Ry. & Lighting	225.00
8 Consolidated Ry. Co.	320.00
5 Delaware & Hudson	200.00
5 Illinois Central	175.00
5 New York New Haven & Hartford 4s	200.00
5 New York New Haven & Hartford 3½s	175.00
5 New York City 4½s	212.50
3 New York City 3½s	52.50
Interest	<u>155.09</u>
	\$ 3,835.09

Schedule B
EXPENSES

March 19, 1911 to March 19, 1912.

1911		
March 31.	Advertising Probate Account	\$ 3.00
June	Probate Court Expenses850
June	Probate Court Exp. & Trustee's Certificates . .	2.00
1912		
Jan. 26.	Rent Safe Deposit Box to Jan. 21, 1913 . . (American Security & Trust)	5.00
March 11.	Rent Safe Deposit Box to March 8, 1913 . . (National Metropolitan Bank)	<u>6.00</u>
		\$ 24.50

Schedule C

Showing Amount of one half net income
paid Maria H. Bradley.

Income as per Schedule A	\$ 3,835.09
Expenses as per Schedule B	\$ 24.50
Executor's services	<u>400.00</u>
	<u>424.50</u>
Net Income	\$3,410.59
One half of \$3,410.59 =	\$1,705.29

Schedule D

SHOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY ON HAND

March 19, 1912.

1	Note secured by first mortgage on land and buildings, Crown Street (Hugo Mtg.)	\$25,000.00
1	Bond Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Gen. 4s of 1995; April & October	997.61
3	" Boston & Maine RR. Reg. 3½s of 1923; Jan. & July	2,849.54
2	" Buffalo & Susquehanna, 1st Mtg. Ref. 4s of 1951; Jan. & July	1,841.24
6	" Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Gen. 4s of 1955; Sept. & March	5,902.55
5	" Chicago Burlington & Quincy (Ill. Div.) 3½s of 1949; Jan. & July	4,435.90
6	" Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, Gen. 4s of 1989, Series A; Jan. & July	4,990.14
5	" Chicago & Northwestern, Gen. 4s of 1987; May & Nov.	5,023.47
2	" Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, Gen. 4s of 1988; Jan. & July	1,942.39
5	" Connecticut Ry. & Light. Co. 4½s of 1951; Jan. & July	5,153.12
8	" Consolidated Ry. Co. 4s of 1954; Jan. & July	7,925.66
5	" Delaware & Hudson, Ref. 4s of 1943; May & Nov.	5,006.25
5	" Illinois Central, 1st mtg. 3½s of 1953; Jan. & July	4,374.35
5	" New York New Haven & Hartford, Deb. 4s of 1956; May & Nov.	4,780.84
5	" New York New Haven & Hartford, 3½s Deb. of 1954; April & October	4,233.27
1	" Corporate Stock, City of New York, Reg. 3½s of 1919; May & November	972.46
2	" Corporate Stock, City of New York, Reg. 3½s of 1941; May & November	1,798.28
4	" Corporate Stock, City of New York, Reg. 3½s of 1954; May & November	3,549.00
5	" Corporate Stock, City of New York, 4½s of 1960; March & September	5,120.66
	Cash in bank	1,477.50
		<u>\$ 97,374.23</u>

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Dr.

Principal on hand as per account on file	\$95,244.63
Income added to principal (now invested in bonds)	<u>652.10</u>
	\$95,896.73

Cr.

Principal on hand:	
Mtg. Note, Crown St. Property, New Haven	\$25,000.00

Bonds:

1	Bond Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, 4s	997.61
3	" Boston & Maine RR. 3½s	2,849.54
2	" Buffalo & Susq. 4s	1,841.24
6	" C B & Q 4s	5,902.55
5	" C B & Q 3½s	4,435.90
5	" C M & St. Paul 4s	4,990.14
5	" Chicago & Northwestern 4s	5,023.47
2	" C Rock Island & Pacific 4s	1,942.39
5	" Conn. Ry. & Light. Co. 4½s	5,153.12
8	" Consolidated Ry. Co. 4s	7,925.66
5	" Delaware & Hudson 4s	5,006.25
5	" Illinois Central 3½s	4,374.35
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1	" Corporate Stock, City of New York 3½s	972.46
2	" " " " " 3½s	1,798.28
4	" " " " " 3½s	3,549.00
5	" " " " " 4½s	<u>5,120.66</u>
		\$95,896.73

March 28, 1912.

Mr. Robert C. Porter,
Call Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Mr. Porter:

Many thanks for your letter of the
14th instant.

I inclose herewith check for \$1600 to cover final
settlement of the bills you mention. The plumber's bill of
\$415.42 contains an overcharge for one of the wash basins, as
indicated on the original bill which you have. I got the
figures from the company supplying the fixtures, as you may
remember. I think also that there is an overcharge of \$15
on the bathtub, but am not able to prove this.

The hardware and paint bills I suppose had better
be paid as they stand.

Burns' last statement which you mention, amounting to
\$756.53, is a mystery to me, as his statement of December 4
which you have, less the plumbing and Pedrini bills, amounts
to only \$550.02, and this amount includes the \$83.47 due the
San Francisco Hardware Co, which of course we do not wish to
pay twice. What he can have added to bring the bill up to \$756
is beyond my comprehension. You will remember that I paid all
the labor and board bills for the latter part of the work, amounting
to \$563.60, so that Burns can have no charge for any of these.

Robert C. Porter #2

The Pedrini bill, turned over to me by Burns
on December 4 with Burns' corrections, amounted to \$969.37,
after crediting the \$400 previously paid.

Trusting you will be able to close these matters
up.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Robert C. Porter #2

The Pedrini bill, turned over to me by Burns
on December 4 with Burns' corrections, amounted to \$262.37.
after crediting the \$100 previously paid.
Trusting you will be able to close these matters

up.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Porter

April 1, 1912

Dear Mr Pickett:

Thanks for copy of account for filing, recd.
yesterday (Sunday).

I have just sworn to it and am returning it
to you herewith.

With the April coupons there will be
enough cash in bank to pay Maria and Heli
and still purchase another bond.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Porter

Mr C. E. Pickett,

New Haven, Conn.

PS: Am enclosing \$83.34 for Heli's allowance
for April and May. - *cm*

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April 6, 1912.

Mr. H. E. Meeker,
Camp Meeker, California.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter quoting prices for redwood tables. Those you mention seem to me too narrow for the room in which they are to stand. However, I am willing to compromise by taking one of the sizes you mention (24x5) and one a little wider (26x4). I will also take the round table, 54 in. across. I inclose check for \$15 herewith, and will send balance when the tables are finished. You know from a previous letter that I want Mission style tables with square legs.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 8, 1912.

Wm. Waller, Esq.,
2034 O Street,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Illness has delayed me in replying to your letter of the first instant.

No, I shall not be able to take part in the dinner on the 13th instant. And to be perfectly frank, I must admit that I have little interest in functions of this kind. I used to go to the Yale dinners, and have been to one or two of those of the Columbia alumni. But this was some years ago. Besides, my connection with Columbia is such a roundabout one - through the College of Physicians and Surgeons - that it really amounts to merely a connection on paper. I therefore feel that it will be better for me to resign from the Alumni Association of Columbia, which I herewith do. I inclose check for \$4 in payment of dues to end of current year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Hume

April 8, 1912.

Mr. D. M. Riordan,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Riordan:

Many thanks for sending us transcripts of Helen's recent letters and wireless messages. It is distressing to know that poor little Muriel had so hard a time during the voyage. But the cablegram from Jamaica shows that she had begun to mend, and I have no doubt that she will gain rapidly when she finds both feet on shore. Seasickness always exaggerates the appearance of illness and in the great majority of cases recovery is amazingly prompt. We trust that both Helen and Muriel will be greatly benefited by the trip.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Hume

April 8, 1912.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Herewith I inclose two checks,
one of \$105.29 in payment of balance of annuity
due you for the year ended March 19; the other
of \$400 for the first quarter of 1902.

Kindly sign and return the accompanying
receipts.

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H. H.
C. H. H. H. H.

May 6, 1912.

Mr. A. H. Daniels,
The Portner,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

On March 22 I replied to your
letter asking permission to use the lot adjoining
my house as a tennis court during the summer, and
granted your request on condition that you keep
the place in a neat and tidy condition. I assumed
that you would attend to the matter as soon as the
weather permitted, but up to the present moment
nothing has been done and the place is a disgrace
to the street. The wire fence, as you must know,
has been pulled down by boys and the whole thing
is in urgent need of immediate attention. I shall
be obliged, therefore, if you will give it prompt
consideration.

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H. H.

May 29, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Last night I mailed you check for \$53.37 to cover the Probate Court expenses \$8.70, advertising \$3, and Heli's allowance for June \$41.67.

Should have sent you this check earlier but the Hoadley Estate check book was locked up in a safe in my house which I have the utmost difficulty in opening, as it is ordinarily opened by Mrs. Merriam, who returned only last night. Hence the delay.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

June 1, 1912.

Robert C. Porter, Esq.,
Call Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Mr. Porter:

Not having heard from you since your letter of April 10, I assume that Pedrini Bros. accepted the \$1000 as payment in full of their claim, and trust that you were able to secure from them a complete receipt for settlement in full and discharge of lien. They have the reputation of being very tricky, so that it is well to take no chances with them.

Did you ever get a statement from Burns or his lawyer so that we may know what they are claiming? If Burns had attended to his job as he agreed to, he could easily have saved me \$1000 on the total cost. As it was, he came at rare intervals and stayed only a short time, usually leaving his foreman in perplexity as to what materials had been ordered, when they would arrive, what was to be rejected, and so on, not to mention the unnecessary prolongation of the labor bills.

Kindly let me know how the remaining matters are progressing, and please mention the amount which you would like me to send you.

I had hoped to be in California long before this, but work here will delay me until about the end of the present month. With best wishes, Very truly yours, A. H. ...

June 10, 1912.

Robert C. Porter, Esq.,
Call Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Porter:

Your letter of the 3rd instant has crossed mine to you. I am very glad to have your statement and particularly the account recently rendered by Burns. The other bill (which singularly enough bears no heading) is, I assume, the bill of the San Francisco Hardware Co., amounting to \$83.47. I see no reason why this should not be paid, although \$2.35 is a pretty steep price to pay for a piece of canvas 8' x 15'4".

In Burns' statement of checks paid out I see no way, without going to the individual payees, by which we can find out whether the amounts paid were exclusively for materials furnished for the house.

You will remember the pencil memorandum which Burns called a full statement, sent me by his son on December 4 [which statement you have in your possession]. In this statement he charged as commission due him \$412. He also mentioned \$2535.35 as the amount of checks paid out by him. Less than a week later (on December 10), you saw him and wrote me as follows: "I have today seen Burns, who tells me that the statement sent you, to which you refer in your note to me dated December 7, is a full statement of all information

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as to outstanding bills and payments made by him in his possession". Since then you will observe he has very materially increased various items.

Referring to the statement on the second page of his account, which you have just sent me and which I am returning herewith, several items of interest may be observed. For instance, he credits amount received from me as \$2300, whereas I paid him \$2600, as follows:

September 1	\$200
12	300
29	1000
October 12	300
30	200
November 9	300
18	300

To save time and to avoid any possibility of dispute, I am inclosing herewith the actual checks as returned to me from the bank.

Furthermore, there are several other erroneous items, as the plumbing and Pedrini bills, which you yourself have corrected, and also the amount for paint, which Burns puts at \$300, but which including cost of paint was \$235.54. With these corrections, the amount claimed by Burns foots up \$483.76, instead of \$632.43. The item for additional labor paid for by him which he puts at \$224, and the item for painting, I claim he is not entitled to any commission for. The reason is that during the time this work was being done he was not on the premises and did not in fact superintend the work.

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From August 29 to October 3, Burns visited the place ten times (on September 27 and September 29 remaining all day, which was so unusual that I recorded the fact in my journal). October 3 to 13 I was absent on a field trip, but on my return was told that Burns had been there only twice and had not remained. On November 9 he appeared for the first time after a long interval. He came again on the early morning of the 10th, and again on the 14th, after which he did not show up until December 1, when he came up from San Rafael where he was building another house, and left some orders for me to pay off the carpenters and board bills. This was his last visit to the premises. Owing to his absence, many things went wrong: two bad blunders were made in the plumbing (one of which is likely to cost me a pretty sum for repairs); much needed hardware was not sent and I had to go to the city several times to purchase the same; no instructions were given the painter as to materials needed, as a result of which the painter purchased from Joost Bros. and sent up a large quantity of material only about half of which was used; and so on all along the line.

In view of all these facts, not to mention the circumstance that the contract signed by Burns and myself was for a \$2500, not a \$5000 house, it seems to me that if he were paid \$400, he would be greatly overpaid.

You are well aware that by persistent lying he deceived me up to the last moment as to what the total cost

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was going to be.

I gave you all the bills and statement and kept no duplicates, so that I am not able to check up more than a part of the items (of which I kept brief memoranda). In compliance with your request, the statements from Burns and from the Hardware Company are inclosed herewith.

As soon as you can let me know the amount necessary to complete payment, including your own bill, I will send you check at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1912.

Samuel B. Botsford, Esq.
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant is at hand.

I am not sure whether the property you speak of is or is not owned by me. I own one lot on south side of Ferry Street, having a frontage of 218⁵² ft. by depth of 366 ft. I am also part owner of two other lots in the same block, one having a frontage of 55 ft, the other of 166⁴⁶ ft. If your client wishes to purchase any of these lots, I shall be glad to receive an offer.

Respectfully,

E. Hartman

June 24, 1912.

Mr. Samuel B. Botsford,
832-838 Prudential Building,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant is at hand. Being a non-resident, it is difficult for me to keep posted as to the value of land in Buffalo. A year or two ago a Buffalo realstate dealer mentioned \$40 a front foot as his estimate of the value of the Ferry Street property in question at that time. Since then, I believe property values in that neighborhood have increased, so that I suppose \$48 per front foot would be a fair price at present.

We have been considering a proposition to continue Woodlawn Avenue through our property and resubdivide, facing on both streets, in order to cut up into available building lots. I had intended to visit Buffalo with this in view during the past spring, but have been so busy that it has been impracticable.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hart - *mission*

July 3, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I inclose check for
\$208.35 for Heli Hoadley's annuity for five months
(July to November inclusive).

After paying Maria Bradley's annuity for
the second quarter, I shall have \$1000 left to
invest in another bond -- for which I am now on the
lockout.

Very truly yours,

July 11, 1912.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Miss Bradley:

Not having heard from you recently, I assume that you are still at Peoria, and therefore am inclosing a check of \$400 in payment of your annuity for the second quarter of the present year. Kindly return the accompanying receipt, and oblige

Very truly yours,

A. H. H. H.

July 25, 1912.

Dear Julia:

There is no tax on Bonds unless you refer to the Personal Tax which some of us have to pay on all kinds of personal property. In this case your status would be the same whether you have bonds, railroad stock, or cash in bank--but I do not suppose you will ever be called upon to pay any kind of a Personal Tax.

Today the Washington Railway and Electric 4s are selling for 86 and interest. For \$5000 with interest and Broker's charge the total amount would be \$4345. If you will send me your check for this amount I will purchase the Bonds and send them to you by express or to your bank, as you may designate. Please let me know by return mail if possible as we are hoping to get away by the last of the month.

The interest on these Bonds to date of purchase, amounting to some \$33. you will get back at your first clipping of the coupons.

As ever yours,

Handwritten signature

January 2, 1913.

Edwin S. Webster, Esq.
406 Brisbane Building,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

On returning from California, I find your letter of December 21 awaiting attention.

Yes, I own property in Buffalo, on the south side of Ferry Street, and should be glad to consider a proposition to sell for cash or to exchange for good property in this city (Washington, D.C.). A description of the Ferry Street property is inclosed herewith. You will observe that there are three pieces of land, one owned by myself individually, the two others owned jointly by my brother, sister, and myself.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1913.

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli,
Lagunitas, California.

Dear Sir:

I had intended to see you again before leaving Lagunitas, but was so hurried at the last that I was not able to do so.

I trust that by this time your wrist is recovered, and that you are as well and active as ever.

Herewith I am inclosing check of \$10 in payment for your work in erecting the wire fence, and for looking out for my house. Should any one enter it or anything go wrong there, please notify Mr. Gardiner, who has the keys.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 14, 1913.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
110 High Street,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Thanks for your recent letter informing me of your address.

Herewith I inclose check of \$400 in payment of your annuity for the fourth quarter of the year which ends on March 19 next. Kindly return the accompanying receipt.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 7, 1933.

Mr. Wm. M. Colby,
Secretary, Sierra Club,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Colby:

Many thanks for your letter of January 6,
and accompanying Declaration of Trust (Certificate No. 41),
respecting the purchase of the Soda Springs property in
Tuolumne Meadows.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Williamson

February 13, 1913.

Mr. E. S. Marlow,
Manager, Potomac Electric Power Co.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, concerning your bill of \$11.60 for electric current at my house, 1919 - 16th Street, from July 16, 1912, to January 14, 1913, would state that check for this amount is inclosed herewith under protest. The bill is preposterous. It is absurd to assume that any such current has been consumed during the period mentioned. Our house was closed and locked up on August 6, as I wrote you at the time. Our family left Washington for California on that date, and I personally turned off the current from the house at the big switch in the basement. Mrs. Merriam, who returned in advance of me, did not reach the city until December 15, and did not turn on the current until December 18. The current used therefore covered the two periods from July 16 to August 6, the charge for which would have been about \$1 (the bill for the previous month having been \$1.58, and half of our family being already absent), and from December 18 to January 14, the charge for which could hardly have been \$6. The bill rendered therefore seems to be about \$5 in excess, and would seem to imply either that the meter readings had

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been doubled, or that a charge of \$1 per month had been made during our absence.

You may remember that several years ago, when a similarly exorbitant bill was rendered, I went to the trouble of ascertaining exactly how much current was used in the house, and after several months you rendered a corrected bill with the explanation that owing to an error as to the kind of meter used, the amount had been doubled.

Your suggestion that we take up the matter with the Bureau of Standards without information as to previous readings of the meter is amusing. You must credit this Bureau with retrospective perspicacity.

Respectfully,

E. S. Marlow

February 15, 1913.

Mr. J. G. Klam,
Treasurer, Lagunitas Improvement Club,
Lagunitas, California.

Dear Sir:

The accompanying bill of dues for four months ending January 1, 1913, appears to be in error, since according to my account I paid \$1 on June 24 last, the same being my dues from July to October inclusive. This would leave only the two months, November and December, unpaid for the remainder of the year 1912, amounting to 50 cents.

Assuming this to be correct, I am inclosing herewith my check on the Crocker Bank for \$3.50 (50 cts. to complete my payment for the year 1912, and \$3 to cover the year 1913).

If I am mistaken in this, please let me know, and I will make the necessary correction.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 19, 1913.

February 19, 1913.

Mr. J. Niemann,
Assistant Cashier,
Hanover National Bank,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, I shall be obliged if you will kindly send interest checks on the water bond of the City of Buffalo, of which you speak, held by me as trustee under the will of Frederick H. Hoadley, and subsequent interest checks as they fall due, to me at my permanent address, 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Edwin S. Webster

Therefore if the order of this skull would be similar to loan it to me for a short time. If so, it should be sent to my address, 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D.C., and should be tagged with the locality and name of owner, or your name.

Fossil bones on the other are not only interesting, but are also important contributions to our knowledge of the habits of the animals.

Give you will get something out of copper in relation to the latter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

February 19, 1913.

Mr. Edwin S. Webster, Esq.,
406 Brisbane Building,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 25 came duly, but I have had great difficulty in finding out anything about the property you describe in University Park. The place is about five miles out in the country on the extreme western border of the District of Columbia. I have tried a number of times to find the agent, but the property is practically dead, and until today I have not succeeded in finding any one in the agent's office. I found him today however, and he tells me that the asking price for lots adjacent to those in question (Nos. 56 and 57, Block 13) is \$500 per lot, but that purchasers are very few and very far apart. The maximum value therefore of the two lots you desire to exchange does not exceed \$1000.

The value of my personal lot on the south side of Erie Street in Buffalo, a description of which I sent you some time ago, is, I suppose, about \$8000 —although I have paid more than \$12,000 in taxes on it. If you wish to purchase, I should be willing to accept the two University Park lots at their face value of \$1000 as part payment.

Very truly yours,

Edwin S. Webster

February 19, 1913.

February 19, 1913.

Mr. J. Niemann,
Assistant Cashier,
Hanover National Bank,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant has just arrived. I am very glad to know that the deer skull in question came from Southwestern Idaho. I am most anxious to see this skull just now because I have on my table at the moment a number of the skulls from Alberta and British Columbia from the same and subsequent interest checks as they fall due, to me at my permanent address, 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Chas. Henshaw
therefore if the owner of this skull would be willing to loan it to me for a short time. If so, it should be sent by express, charges collect, address U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., and should be tagged with the locality and name of owner, or your name.

Fright's books on the Bears are not only interesting, but are also important contributions to our knowledge of the habits of the animals.

Hope you will get something out of Harper in relation to the father.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

February 19, 1913.

Mr. Edwin S. Webster, Esq.,
406 Brisbane Building,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

Edwin S. Webster

March 13, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I hand you my account as Executor and Trustee of the Hoadley Estate for the year ending March 19, 1913, and shall be obliged if you will prepare the copy for filing with the Probate Court as usual. If you notice any error of any kind, you will of course let me know.

I overpaid Heli 4 cents, but have straightened this out so that it does not appear in the account.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam
Surviving Executor and Trustee under the Will of
Frederick H. Hoadley, Deceased

In account with

TRUST ESTATE CREATED BY SAID WILL

March 19, 1912 to March 19, 1913.

Dr.

To Personal Property on hand as per account of March 19, 1912, on file . . .	\$97,374.23	
To Income as per Schedule A	<u>3,964.21</u>	\$101,338.44

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By Cash paid, as per Schedule B	\$ 22.70	
By Cash paid Miss Maria H. Bradley, † net income, as per Schedule C	1,770.75	
By Cash paid Heli Hoadley	500.00	
By Cash paid for services of Executor and Trustee	400.00	
By Net Amount of Personal Property on hand, as per Schedule D	<u>98,644.99</u>	\$101,338.44

Washington, D.C.

March , 1913.

C. Hart Merriam -
Executor and Trustee.

Schedule A
SHOWING INCOME COLLECTED
March 19, 1912 to March 19, 1913.

Interest on Hugo mortgage	\$1,000.00
Coupons:	
1 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	40.00
3 Boston & Maine 3½s	105.00
2 Buffalo & Susquehanna	80.00
7 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 4s	280.00
5 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3½s	175.00
5 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul 4s	200.00
5 Chicago & Northwestern	200.00
2 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific 4s	80.00
5 Conn. Ry. & Lighting	225.00
8 Consolidated Ry. Co.	320.00
5 Delaware & Hudson	200.00
5 Illinois Central	175.00
5 New York New Haven & Hartford 4s	200.00
5 New York New Haven & Hartford 3½s	175.00
5 New York City 4½s	212.50
7 New York City 3½s	245.00
1 Buffalo, N.Y. 4s	40.00
Interest	<u>11.71</u>
	\$ 3,964.21

Schedule B
EXPENSES

March 19, 1912 to March 19, 1913.

1912	
April	Advertising Probate Account \$ 3.00
April 15	Probate Court Expenses 8.70
1913	
January	Rent Safe Deposit Box to Jan. 21, 1914 (American Security & Trust) . . . 5.00
March 8	Rent Safe Deposit Box to March 8, 1914 (National Metropolitan Bank) . . . <u>6.00</u>
	\$22.70

Schedule C

Showing Amount of one half net income
paid Maria H. Bradley.

Income as per Schedule A	\$3,964.21
Expenses as per Schedule B \$ 22.70	
Executor's services <u>400.00</u>	<u>422.70</u>
Net Income	\$3,541.51
One half of \$3,541.51 = \$1,770.75	

Schedule D

SHOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY ON HAND
March 19, 1913.

1	Note secured by first mortgage on land and buildings, Crown Street (Hugo Mtg.)	\$25,000.00
1	Bond Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Gen. 4s of 1995; April & October	997.61
3	" Boston & Maine RR. Reg. 3½s of 1923; Jan. & July	2,849.54
2	" Buffalo & Susquehanna, 1st Mtg. Ref. 4s of 1951; Jan. & July	1,841.24
7	" Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Gen. 4s of 1958; Sept. & March	6,880.74
5	" Chicago Burlington & Quincy (Ill. Div.) 3½s of 1949; Jan. & July	4,435.90
5	" Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, Gen. 4s of 1989, Series A; Jan. & July	4,990.14
5	" Chicago & Northwestern, Gen. 4s of 1987; May & Nov.	5,023.47
2	" Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, Gen. 4s of 1988; Jan. & July	1,942.39
5	" Connecticut Ry. & Light. Co. 4½s of 1951; Jan. & July	5,153.12
8	" Consolidated Ry. Co. 4s of 1954; Jan. & July	7,925.66
5	" Delaware & Hudson, Ref. 4s of 1943; May & Nov.	5,006.25
5	" Illinois Central, 1st mtg. 3½s of 1953; Jan. & July	4,374.35
5	" New York New Haven & Hartford, Deb. 4s of 1956; May & Nov.	4,780.84
5	" New York New Haven & Hartford, Deb. 3½s of 1954; April & October	4,233.27
1	" Corporate Stock, City of New York, Reg. 3½s of 1919; May & Nov.	972.46
2	" Corporate Stock, City of New York, Reg. 3½s of 1941; May & Nov.	1,798.28
4	" Corporate Stock, City of New York, Reg. 3½s of 1954; May & Nov.	3,549.00
5	" Corporate Stock, City of New York, 4½s of 1960; March & Sept.	5,120.66
1	" Corporate Stock, City of Buffalo, N.Y. Reg. 4s of 1960; February & August	1,011.33
	Cash in bank	758.74
		<u>\$98,644.99</u>

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Dr.

Principal on hand as per account on file	\$98,896.73
Income added to principal (now invested in bonds: 1 C B & Q 4s \$978.19; 1 City of Buffalo 4s \$1011.33)	<u>1,989.52</u>
	\$97,886.25

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Principal on hand: Mtg. Note, Crown St. Property, New Haven	\$25,000.00
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Bonds:

1	Bond Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe 4s	997.61
3	" Boston & Maine RR. 3½s	2,849.54
2	" Buffalo & Susq. 4s	1,841.24
7	" C B & Q 4s	6,880.74
5	" C B & Q 3½s	4,435.90
5	" C M & St. Paul 4s	4,990.14
5	" Chicago & Northwestern 4s	5,023.47
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5	" " " " " " " 4½s	5,120.66
1	" City of Buffalo 4s	<u>1,011.33</u>
		\$97,886.25

March 14, 1913.

Dear Miss Merriam:

Your letter of February 6 came several days ago.

On looking the matter up I find that my uncle, James S. Merriam, died in New York City October 4, 1908. His older brother, W. W. Merriam, died at his home at San Diego, California, December 9, 1912. I went to San Diego with one of my daughters to visit him, not knowing he was ill, and found that he had died before we arrived.

Thanks for the information you give about my uncle's manuscript, which he loaned Mr. Pope. I will see if I can get on the track of it.

Very truly yours,

Miss Mary Bates Merriam,
Greenwood, Mass.

March 14, 1913.

Mr. A. J. Poston,
Agent, Sunset Route,
905 F Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Can you give me the freight rates from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco on boxes of books and miscellaneous household goods; and the rate per carload; also the rate for an automobile of the medium class, weighing say about 3,000 lbs.

Respectfully,

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March 14, 1913.

Freight Agent,
Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Can you give me the freight rates from
Washington, D.C. to San Francisco on boxes of books
and miscellaneous household goods; and the rate per
carload; also the rate for an automobile of the
medium class, weighing say about 3,000 lbs.

Respectfully,

March 18, 1913.

Mr. John B. Squire,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

In July 1911 you and your associates of the Real Estate Association assessed certain property on the south side of Ferry Street, east of Fillmore Avenue, belonging to my brother, C. Collins Merriam, and myself. You then estimated the value of the land at \$40 a front foot, if sold in bulk. Since then the tax assessment has been raised.

I should be glad to know at what price you can sell my personal part of this property, the same having a frontage of 218.37 ft. and a depth of 336 ft. and designated in your appraisal as Parcel No. 2.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 19, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Thanks for your copy of the account for
filing with the Probate Court, which arrived this
morning. I have executed the same, and am returning
it herewith for filing.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart

March 27, 1913.

Mr. P. H. Cochrane,
Assessor,
San Rafael, California.

Dear Sir:

The assessment list, which you sent to me at Lagunitas, has been forwarded to my home address, 1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

My accounts, being in my summer place at Lagunitas, are inaccessible from this end of the line, and I am therefore unable to fill out the accompanying blanks. The description of property however was given accurately in the list filled out by me and returned to you a year ago, and may be used in the present instance, with the addition of say \$100 for additional household furniture, purchased last summer. I have no wagons, automobiles, or other vehicles; no cows, calves, mules, hogs, sheep, poultry, or parrots; and there is no telephone or electric current of any kind in my house. In case you wish to inspect the premises at any time, you will find the key with Mr. E. B. Gardner, directly opposite the railroad station at Lagunitas.

Respectfully,

C. H. Gardner

April 2, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Ever since March 29 I have been expecting to hear from you concerning the action of the Probate Court on our account, but so far no word has been received. I am anxious to know of course when the account was passed, and whether or not any objection was made, in order that I may send Maria Bradley the balance due her, and close up the account.

Inclosed herewith is check for \$63.34, covering Heli's allowance for April and May.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

Dr. C. Hart Merriam regrets his inability to accept the invitation of the President and members of the American Philosophical Society for Dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford on Saturday evening, April 19, owing to a previous engagement for the annual Washington Dinner of the Boons and Crockett Club, which unfortunately occurs on the same evening.

Washington, D.C.
April 8, 1913.

April 5, 1913.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
110 High Street,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Miss Bradley:

My account as Executor and Trustee of the
Hoadley Estate, for year ending March 19, 1913,
has been accepted by the Probate Court of New Haven.
The balance in your favor amounts to \$170.75, for which
my check is inclosed herewith, making \$1770.75 for the
year. It is good to see that the income is increasing.
Kindly sign the inclosed receipt and return to me.

Before my return from California you wrote me
about some matters concerning which I was unable to reply
definitely, as my books were in Washington. If Mr. Pickett
was not able to furnish you with the desired information,
I shall be glad to write you about the same if you will
kindly let me know what the difficulty was.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

April 12, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Thanks for the Probate Court bill and bill for advertising, amounting together to \$13.30, check for which is inclosed herewith.

As to the matter of possible purchase of Mrs. Townsend's third interest in the estate, I am at a loss to know what to say. In the first place, I have no property which I could convert into the necessary amount of cash. In the second place, such purchase would involve not only the loss of interest on the investment during the lifetime of the life beneficiaries, but also would necessitate the actual payment of interest into the estate fund on the whole amount of the purchased third. In the third place, I do not know the basis on which to compute the figures for a transaction of this kind.

I asked the president of one of our trust companies about it, but he was unable to give the desired information. He advised me to consult one of the large life insurance companies in order to ascertain the value of annuities for the life beneficiaries on the probable duration of life. This I have not yet been able to do.

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If you have any suggestions to make or any proposition for Mrs. Townsend, I should be glad to consider the same, although I do not think I should be able to raise the necessary amount and pay double interest on the same, for this seems to be about what it would amount to.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

April 12, 1913.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,
110 High Street,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Thanks for your nice letter of the 7th instant.

Herewith I inclose check of \$400 in payment of your annuity for the first quarter of 1913, and shall be obliged if you will kindly sign and return the accompanying receipt.

I am glad to know that on returning home you found the necessary information in respect to your account with the estate.

Replying to your inquiry: Mr. Pickett does not perform any of the duties of a trustee. At the close of each year I send him my account for the year as executor and trustee, typewritten in proper legal form. Of this he makes a copy for filing in the Probate Court of New Haven, and advertises the same in one of the New Haven papers, as required by law. He acts also as my agent in making the monthly payments to Heli Hoadley amounting to \$500 each year, which amount I send Mr. Pickett in installments, in order that he may pay Heli about the first of each month. He has no other duties in connection with the estate. All

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of the securities belonging to the estate are in my charge here in Washington. They are divided in two parts, and are kept in two safe deposit vaults situated in different blocks in the city — one in the vault of the American Security & Trust Co, the other in the vault of the Metropolitan National Bank.

If you come on here to visit your friend, as I hope you will, I shall be very glad if some day you will go with me to the vaults to inspect the securities.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 23, 1913.

John W. Mailliard, Esq.
Sacramento and Front Streets,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th. I wonder if you received a letter from me just before you left New York for the west. I addressed it to you at the Manhattan Hotel.

I shall try to see Chapman as early as practicable after his return from South America.

About the additional Lagunitas land: I inclose a rough diagram showing approximately what I want, and its relation to my present holding, the present holding being colored orange, the additional land green. I particularly want the lot between my place and the Spreckels girls, Lot 66, in order to avoid the possibility of future unpleasant neighbors. Continuous with this lot and my own in the rear, I should like to get enough additional to make say 5 acres in all, sweeping back up the hill above the water line. Most of this back property is of very little value, owing to the fact that water cannot be obtained on it, and to the additional fact that it contains two extensive barns grown up to dense tangled thickets, which are practically impenetrable. I wish

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it merely as a protection to my rear, and should I eventually decide to live at Lagunitas permanently, I might convert it into a Deer park.

The lot between Lot 66 and my present holding I understand is reserved for a possible roadway. I am willing to purchase it subject to its possible use for this purpose, if the price is not too high.

The western boundary of the back tract I wish to purchase would be the bottom of the gulch in which your tank is now situated.

Inasmuch as the road reaching up to my house has never been mapped, I can indicate its course only approximately. If you will kindly let me know the price at which this green tract may be purchased, I shall be greatly obliged.

We are pained to hear of the illness you fell into on your return, and are glad to know that now you are all well again.

With kindest regards to all members of your family,

Very truly yours,

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April 29, 1913.

Mr. Frank W. Rosenberger,
Secretary, Parke, Hall & Co.
70 Pearl Street
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 25th instant, in
reply to our inquiry addressed to Mr. John B. Squire, whose
death we deeply regret.

My brother and myself would be glad to dispose of
our Ferry Street property, and shall be obliged if you will
undertake to sell it for us. If after investigation you will
kindly let us know what you can obtain for it, we shall be
greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Harrison

May 9, 1913.

Mr. Joseph Mailliard,
300 Front Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Thanks for your letter about Lagunitas lands.

The matter of the road had occurred to me before and I suppose offers no way around it. That is why I mentioned that I would be willing to purchase subject to the right of way for a road, providing of course that we can agree as to about where the road will run, so that it might not interfere with an office building I may erect at or near the rear end of my present holding.

I shall be very glad to know at what figure it will be practicable to purchase the additional land indicated on the rough diagram sent your brother with my last letter. The details of the lines of the uphill holding might be left until I reach Lagunitas.

I hope to set out with Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida about the end of the present month. I expect to drive through in a Chevrolet car, and consequently am not apt to reach Lagunitas before the end of June.

With best wishes and kind regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1913.

Kenderdine Realty Company,
222 Ellicott Square,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, would state that being a non-resident and unacquainted with the present value of my Ferry Street property, I am hardly in a position to name a price. A year or two ago I had it assessed by a Buffalo firm connected with the Board of Trade. The value they gave was \$40 per front foot undivided. I have paid more than this amounts to in taxes during the past 25 or 30 years, but nevertheless would be glad to sell. I should like to know what you think you can get for the property - how much per front foot for each of the three pieces, or for the three collectively. I am inclosing description herewith.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1913.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter, which both Mrs. Merriam and myself were very glad to receive. We appreciate your kindness in offering to water our ferns in case the rain failed.

You see we are again disappointed in the hope of getting to California early this year. It now looks as if we would start about the end of this month, but we shall be some time on the road, as I have purchased a Chevrolet car and expect to make the run with Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida in about four weeks.

We had a hot spell here week before last - thermometer 90° every day for about five days - followed by a cold snap, the temperature falling to 40° odd here in the city, and still lower in the neighboring country.

Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join in kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Edwin B. Gardner,
Lagunitas, California.

May 14, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Yours of the 12th instant at hand. Since writing you last I have looked into the matter of annuities, and also the matter of purchase of prospective interests in estates. I find that an annuity for Heli based on a single annual payment may be had for \$2,340; one based on semi-annual payment for \$2,465; monthly payments are much more expensive. An annuity for Miss Bradley on the basis of a single annual payment of \$2000 (which amount she will naturally receive from the estate in a few years) can be had at from \$17,860 to \$18,500, according to the company insuring. Payments at more frequent intervals than annual cost considerable more. In other words, provision for the two annuities will cost from \$20,200 to considerably more than \$21,000, according to the company insuring. This in round numbers means \$7,000 off the present value of each one-third interest in the estate, provided said interest were to be sold. On this basis each of the three prospective shares would be worth in the neighborhood of \$26,000.

But I am told that the sale of a prospective interest in an estate is likely to be followed by troublesome and costly litigation. The proposition therefore is not attractive to me.

On the other hand, I feel much as Mrs. Townsend does.

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I am getting along in life and feel that there is very little prospect of living long enough to receive my share of the estate. For this reason I would be willing to consider a proposition, with the consent of Miss Bradley and Heli, and the approval of the Court, to purchase the necessary annuities out and out and close up the estate.

You will remember that Judge Townsend and I considered a proposition of this kind some years ago, but at that time the value of the estate was so small compared with its present value that after purchasing the necessary annuities, very little would have been left for division.

If Mrs. Townsend and the Kimberleys think favorably of a final settlement along the line indicated, I should be willing to agree to the same.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Pickett

May 20, 1913.

Mr. James L. O'Connor,
Parke, Hall & Co.,
72 Pearl Street,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant, in which you suggest selling our Ferry Street property at \$30 per front foot. This seems to us much too low, in view of the fact that it was assessed by John B. Squire, W. E. Otto, and Richard W. Good, on July 6, 1911, "as worth as it stands today if sold in bulk \$40 a foot." And Mr. Rosenberger, Secretary of your firm, wrote under date of April 25 last that "there has been some enhancement in value in the past two years", going on to mention the building of several large plants in the neighborhood. Even at the rate of \$10 per foot, the amount received would not by any means equal what we have paid out in taxes during the past 25 or 30 years. And since the property was assessed by Squire two years ago, we have paid a special sidewalk tax. It seems to us therefore that \$30 is much too low. Can you not do better than this?

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Hall

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Mr. George T. Robinson,
White Building,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Owning some property on the south side of
Ferry Street between Fillmore and Kerr Streets, which
I wish to dispose of, I have been referred to you by
Dr. Bushwell's office. A description of the property
is inclosed herewith. About what do you estimate
the present value of the property, and do you think
the present a favorable time to sell?

Respectfully,

May 26, 1913.

Henry D. Abbot, Esq.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Henry:

What do you know about small electric lighting plants for country houses? I have seen advertisements of two Boston firms, the Lunt-Moss Co, 43 South Market St, and B. F. Sturtevant Co, Hyde Park. Do you happen to know if either of these concerns manufactures a simple and inexpensive motor, which we could use for electric lighting at Lagunitas? One of them claims also to have developed a water power system which may be worth looking into by and by.

If in your idle moments you chance to pass the Chevrolet agency in Boston, drop in and take a look at the anatomy of the car. Any knowledge you may get along this line may come in handy later on.

Trusting that you have recovered your lost weight and energy, with best wishes to you and kind regards to all of your family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 26, 1913.

Secretary of State,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Sir:

I wish to secure a California automobile license and metal tag for my Chevrolet car, and shall be greatly obliged if you will send me the same by mail at once, so that I may be sure to receive it before starting for my home at Lagunitas, Marin County. I expect to leave here on or about June 7.

The cost of the license, I am told, is \$2. I am therefore inclosing check on the Crocker Bank for \$3 in order to cover packing and postage.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 26, 1915.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Yours without date came on Saturday, the 24th.
No, I would not on any account consider the purchase of
Mrs. Townsend's interest in the Hoadley Estate, as I should
have to borrow the money necessary for such purpose, pay
interest on the same, and lose interest on the investment
during the remainder of the lifetime of the life beneficiaries—
which is likely to exceed my own lifetime.

But as stated in my previous letter, I should be
willing to settle on the plan of purchasing annuities for
Miss Bradley and Heli, if that can be brought about. With
this in view I have just written Mr. R. H. Wilson, 863
Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., asking his views on the
subject, in accordance with your suggestion that I "submit
the proposition to Mrs. Kimberley's children." I do this
with the more freedom, since Mr. Wilson has written me at
least twice asking if there were no way by which the estate
could be settled. By the way, I do not remember how many
children Mrs. Kimberley has, and how they are divided as
to boys and girls. I shall be obliged if you will kindly
drop me a line as to this.

On hearing from Wilson, I will write you at once.

Very truly yours,

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R. H. Wilson, Esq.
863 Flatbush Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

A couple of years ago you wrote me asking if any way could be devised by which the Hoadley Estate could be settled in advance of the termination of the two life interests.

On taking up the matter a second time, I am informed that with the consent of the several interests involved and the approval of the Court, annuities could be purchased for Maria Bradley and Heli Hoadley, after which the remainder of the estate could be divided and the matter closed.

The estate now amounts in round numbers to \$100,000. An annuity for Miss Bradley to yield the income she will be receiving in about two years will cost in the neighborhood of \$18,000, the amount varying somewhat with the company, and also according to the way in which payments are made — annually, semi-annually, or quarterly. An annuity for Heli, yielding the \$500 which is paid him annually, will cost from \$2300 to about \$2500, according to the same conditions. The two annuities therefore would amount to approximately \$21,000, leaving in the neighborhood of \$80,000 to be

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divided among the three sets of legatees, or something more than \$26,000 each.

If you and the other members of your mother's family interested desire a settlement of this kind, I will communicate with the other interests and see if a division and final settlement of the estate on this basis can be brought about.

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Wilson

By the undersigned

My dear Mr. Riordan:

Thanks for your good letter. I was sorry to fail in my attempt to secure the desired passage for Mrs.

Riordan on the transport, but as I wired you, found it impossible.

We are all pained to learn that your attractive trip to McKelumb's Hill, Calaveras Big Trees, and Yosemite was knocked out by such a miserable thing as a sprained ankle. I had supposed that your age and serene dignity would guard you from misfortunes of this kind.

But I am glad to know that you and Helen are to be in California during the summer, and we shall look

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forward to seeing you. I expect to start for Leguinitas within two weeks, and I am going to try to drive my own car all the way through. Mrs. Merriam and Zareida start with me, and Dorothy will join us later, after graduating at Smith College the middle of the month.

With best wishes from all of us to you and Helen,

As ever yours,

Mr. D. M. Riordan,
Care John B. Keating,
First National Bank Building,
San Francisco, California.

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